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COMMENT OF THE DAY

The Litmus Test

WITH the reopening of the five-power talks in New York today there begins the litmus testing of the Geneva proposals on international disarmament problems. A chemistry student would remind us that a blue litmus paper would turn red if dipped in acid, and would be changed back to blue by an alkali. The world then fervently prays that the four East-West plans propounded at Geneva can be converted into an alkaline or soluble compound, that no acidic or vituperative wrangling emerges to disrupt proceedings; in short, that the litmus stays blue.

Geneva, it will be recalled, produced four plans, the most dramatic but perhaps the least immediately practicable being that of President Eisenhower. But it is most important at this stage as a gesture of faith and a token of trust. The plan provides for the exchange of "complete blueprints of military establishments" with Russia and for giving both countries "facilities" for aerial photography for each other's territory.

RUSSIA proposed, as its plan, inspection on a more limited scale. It envisages "control points" at ports, railway junctions, roads and airfields to watch for "dangerous concentrations" of military forces. At a later stage, inspection would be carried out on a wider scale. This is a definite advance on previous Soviet suggestions although it still rejects the ideal of complete international supervision.

Relegated to a lower position on the Disarmament sub-Committee business sheet is the proposal of Sir Anthony Eden. Surprisingly perhaps for it is widely conceded that the British plan is a far more realistic starting point considering the cool Soviet attitude to the Eisenhower plan. Sir Anthony seeks a limited experiment in control of armaments in Europe which envisages joint military teams inspecting numbers and dispositions on either side of the dividing line between East and West, gradually expanding to an agreed limit.

Finally M. Faure proposes the ultimate stage where savings made by reduction and limitation of armaments budgets can be turned over to underdeveloped countries in the form of economic aid. In addition to the Russian plan mentioned above, they have also re-proposed a Western idea that the armed forces of all major powers be reduced by an agreed percentage.

THESE are what the sub-Committee will discuss. The chief weakness of all plans appears to be that they are very far from foolproof, particularly against surprise atomic attack. But they do offer a more hopeful starting point than any proposal that has been discussed in recent years. Particularly Russia's acceptance of the idea of specified manpower ceilings. Now, for the first time, there seems to be agreement in principle on the method to be adopted in reaching agreement on the reduction of military potential.

Is there then chance of success? Russia's attitude to NATO and the evacuation of foreign troops in Europe will obviously be the determining factor. She also believes she has a new ace up her sleeve following her recently announced intention to reduce the size of her armed forces. But if she expects the West to follow her example, there is bound to be dispute. For she is only beginning what the West has completed in post-war disarmament. Success therefore depends largely upon whether Russia can match the reason, goodwill and sincerity of purpose of the Allies.

REINFORCEMENTS RUSHED TO MOROCCAN TOWNS

New Outbreaks Of Violence Feared

Casablanca, Aug. 28.

The French High Command today began moving reinforcements into the populous lowland towns of Morocco where new anti-French demonstrations are feared when expected government changes for the protectorate are announced.

Roads leading into Casablanca, Rabat and other large towns were lined with columns of tanks and armoured cars moving to take up positions.

Moroccan and European residents sat by their radio sets for news of French Cabinet decisions on the future of the troubled protectorate.

Some of the reinforcements are units that earlier were rushed from the towns to the hilly hinterland when trouble unexpectedly flared up last weekend among the Berber tribes.

Private cars coming in and out of Casablanca were checked by police for unlicensed firearms. Tommy gunners were stationed on all bridges along highways leading into the great port.

Informed French quarters said agitators, including some Communists, were urging urban Arabs to follow the example of their Berber "brothers" by rising against French rule if Paris confirms the reported offer of resignation of the Resident-General Gilbert Grandval.

Qualified observers said the sequence of the announcement of the proposed French changes would be a vital factor in deciding if new disorders took place.

The predominant view was that only simultaneous or prior announcement of Sultan Mohammed Ben Arafa's replacement by a Regency Council would stave off a new wave of anti-French disturbances in the town.

Too Late?

Other observers said it was already too late to offer the Sultan's departure as compensation for the departure of M. Grandval, who had angered French settlers here by his advocacy of reforms.

The Resident-General has become personally associated, in Moroccan eyes with the reform plan and his replacement, even by a liberal successor, would be hailed as proof of French bad faith, it is thought.

The greatest secrecy continues to surround developments at the Sultan's red stone luxury palace at Rabat. Journalists who tried to enter to check persistent reports that Ben Arafa was actively preparing to leave, were turned back brusquely by white-turbanned armed guards.

Terrorism

A fresh outbreak of terrorist activities were reported from many parts of Morocco in the past 48 hours. In Casablanca, four Moroccans were killed by unknown attackers in the new Medina and a nearby shanty town.

Two shots were also reported to have been fired early today on a Casablanca-Rabat train.

In Oudja, a veiled woman hurled a bomb at a shop owned by a Moroccan businessman. Two persons were injured. Elsewhere crops were set on fire and many telegraph poles cut down, adding to the confusion in the Moroccan communications network caused by the recent disorders.

Police said highways were still unsafe at night. On the much-used Casabalanca-Rabat road, a French motorist was injured when a rock was hurled at his windscreen. Another car had its windows broken by rifleshots.

The French Conscience Movement, an organisation of Liberal residents, warned at a news conference that M. Grandval's resignation might be the signal for a Morocco-wide insurrection.

"We maintain close daily contact with Moroccans and never has tension been so high," a spokesman said.

But he also feared an angry outburst from die-hard French settlers if the Resident-General stayed. Many European militias have been formed. One, 100 strong, at one of Casablanca's largest factories, was led by a French engineer known as the "Centurion."—Reuter.

TAIPO TORRENT TRAGEDY

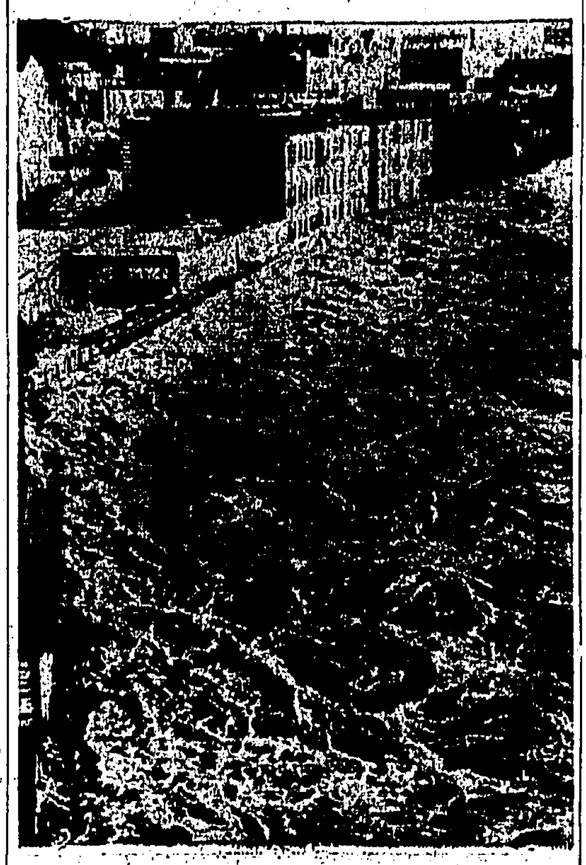
Destructive Floods

Three More Bodies Recovered

TWO CHILDREN MISSING

LATE THIS MORNING IT WAS OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THREE MORE BODIES, MAKING A TOTAL OF 24, HAD BEEN RECOVERED FROM A MOUNTAIN STREAM AT TAIPO KAU, NEW TERRITORIES.

This stream was turned into a raging torrent yesterday afternoon after a cloudburst on the heights above. A foaming wall of water rushed down the mountainside swamping picnickers on the banks.



From Division Street Bridge the swollen Blackstone River rages through Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The death roll was more than 200 in the destruction which has swept New England in the wake of floods.—London Express.

Police had recovered 21 bodies last night. This morning they found three more and by their reckoning two are still missing.

Last night it was reported that 34 were missing but eight have since been found safe.

Of the 24 drowned, 19 have been identified including a teacher and 11 boys of the St. James Settlement party, one adult and six other children.

Police at Yaumati are still trying to identify five bodies.

Police Search

More than 40 police are searching the area and a Marine Police launch has been posted to Tolo Harbour to search for any further victims.

The search will continue throughout the day.

The St James Settlement party, comprising four teachers and 22 boys, had been on a week's camp in the grounds of the Taipo Rural Orphanage. They were due to return home after the picnic.

They were playing in the creek when disaster struck.

Five survivors told the St James' authorities the tragic story of the fate of their friends later.

Teacher Identified

The 22 boys were among 55 unemployed Wanchai youths attending an annual camp at St Christopher's Home, Taipo.

The missing teacher of the St James Settlement party was identified as Lum Hung-kun, 17, a trainee.

In the second party there were 17 boys and girls, belonging to families of the Kowloon Canton Railway club.

ROCKET DOCUMENTS STOLEN

Tokyo, Aug. 28.

Japan's top rocket expert, Professor Hideo Itokawa, who only a few days ago announced that he would be able to build a space artificial satellite in "the near future", reported to the police today that his brief case — filled with valuable rocket documents and blueprints—had been stolen.

Tokyo metropolitan police said Professor Itokawa of Tokyo University had reported to them that somebody last night had stolen his brief case from his car parked along Ginza, Tokyo's No. 1 street.

Professor Itokawa for the last few months has been conducting a series of tests with "baby" rockets and "pencil" rockets. He said that if his brief case was not returned he would be unable to continue his test.—Reuter.

Officials Off To Accept Surrender Of Mutineers

Khartoum, Aug. 28.

Sudan Government officials and a representative of the Governor-General left here today to supervise arrangements for the surrender of rebellious troops in the South Sudan.

Mr W. H. Luce, the Governor-General's adviser, Mr Mubarak Zarroug, Sudanese Communications Minister, and El Ferik Ahmed Pasha Mohamed, the Kaid (Officer Commanding troops in the Sudan) went to Juba, capital of the southern region, to meet a delegate from the mutineers who agreed last night to surrender unconditionally.

The last-minute offer to surrender came several hours after the expiry of a second ultimatum sent by the British Governor-General, Sir Knox Helm, and as government forces were preparing to move against the mutineers' headquarters at Torit where mutiny broke out 11 days ago.

Deep-rooted differences between the Moslem north and south were behind the outbreak, in which some northern officers were killed.

The government has promised to treat the mutineers as military prisoners pending a "full and fair" investigation of their grievances.—Reuter.

Schoolteacher's Body Found

Paris, Aug. 28.

The half-clad body of Miss M. G. Marshall, a young Nottingham schoolteacher, was found today in a pine copse off a roadside near Amien, 70 miles from Paris.

Police said Miss Marshall, of 14 Danethorpe Vrle, Sherwood, Nottingham, was murdered at Bellois-sur-Somme as she made her way by bicycle from Paris to the port of Boulogne.

The body bore injuries to the head and strangulation marks on the throat, police said. The right shoe, dress and petticoat were missing, and the killer had apparently made an attempt to hide the body.—China Mail Special.

Lorries Blown Up By Mines

Tel-Aviv, Aug. 28.

Two Israeli soldiers were killed and three others seriously wounded this afternoon, when two military trucks were blown up by mines close to the Israeli settlement of Beeri, near the Gaza strip border, a military spokesman announced in Tel-Aviv tonight.

An hour-long artillery duel between Egyptians and Israelis took place this morning after Egyptians had opened fire on the Beeri settlement. Two Israelis were wounded in the first incident.—France-Presse.

Film Star Weds

Traverse City, Mich., Aug. 28.

The film star, Veronica Lake, and Mr Joseph McCarthy, a writer and publisher, were married here today.—China Mail Special.

INSURRECTION IN CONSTANTINE

Constantine, Aug. 28.

French troops killed 23 Algerian rebels in three clashes today in the Constantine Department, scene of a bloody attempt at insurrection eight days ago.

The French forces lost one killed and two wounded in the clashes at Ain Mlila, Lannoy and Canrobert.

Authorities here said the Department was still in ferment after the "Black Saturday" of August 20, and there were hourly reports of murders, kidnapping and incendiarism.—Reuter.

Explosion Aboard Yacht: 8 Persons Injured

Cannes, France, Aug. 28.

A British sailing yacht exploded while refuelling at a dock here today, and eight persons were injured.

The 33-ton Nalad blew up just after her gas tanks were filled with 200 gallons of fuel.

The yacht was destroyed and the damage was estimated at several million francs.

The ship's owner, Mrs Mary Rogers, 42, domiciled in South Africa, and a crewman, Norman Swinon, were severely burned.

Mrs Rogers' 17-year-old daughter, Miriam, and the ship's captain, Ian Kemp, 31, suffered less serious burns.

Four French pedestrians strolling along the docks at that moment also were injured and had to receive hospital treatment.

Cannes fishermen and a US Navy fire launch from an American squadron visiting the Riviera vacation capital rushed to the scene.

The explosion took place when the motors were started, but the cause of accident has not yet been determined.

It was the fifth similar accident on the Riviera within a month.—United Press.

ROAD DISASTER

Bolzano, Italy, Aug. 29.

Two people were killed, 10 injured and 47 slightly hurt in a road disaster tonight involving a Belgian car, an Italian coach and a motor cycle.

The motor cyclist, an Italian policeman, swerved off the road near Bolzano, north Italy, to avoid the coach and car, which had collided. He was killed instantly.

Celine Luise Vyvermans, 42, Belgian driver of the car, was also killed.—China Mail Special.

Factory Explosion: 7 Lose Lives

Mexico City, Aug. 28.

A firecracker factory exploded today in a blast of flame and black smoke, killing at least seven persons and seriously injuring 28 others.

The explosion of 500 pounds of gun powder demolished three apartment buildings in the city's slum area, tossing people around "like flies," an eyewitness said.

The factory was located on the ground floor of a 23-family apartment building.

Police said the explosion was probably caused by burning heating oil which leaked under a partition from an overturned stove in an adjoining apartment.—United Press.

Lightning Kills Four Men

Hamburg, Aug. 28.

Four men were killed and one woman injured by lightning yesterday in furious thunderstorms which ended a period of hot summer days.—United Press.

Conscription Period May Be Cut

London, Aug. 28.

Sir Anthony Eden's Government may cut the two-year military draft for 18-year-olds, British newspapers said today.

The present two-year term may be reduced by up to six months, the papers said. This would put Britain on a par with France.

It will depend on the outcome of the disarmament talks at the United Nations and the promised get-together of the Big Four Foreign Ministers at Geneva, according to the political correspondent of Lord Beaverbrook's mass-circulation Sunday Express.

But whether a cut is made or not, political commentators agree that service chiefs have been stung by recently published stories that draftees were wasting their time, and a complete overhaul of the military training system is on the way.—United Press.

Suspects Rounded Up

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.

Police today announced the names of 27 persons, including one woman, who were arrested in a series of raids yesterday and on Friday.

Those seized were all suspected of being members of a ring which specialised in sudden early morning attacks on police. A large quantity of arms and five cars were also confiscated by authorities.—United Press.

March To Downing St.

London, Aug. 28.

Nearly 1,000 Greeks and Cypriots, living in Britain, marched through Central London tonight to No. 10 Downing Street, where they delivered a resolution to Sir Anthony Eden, declaring that the only solution to the Cyprus question was the granting of self-determination.

In the procession were women and children, many wearing their national dress.

Others in the march carried banners, slogans and the Greek flag.

The resolution handed in at No 10 Downing Street had been passed earlier at a meeting sponsored by the Provisional Cypriot National Committee.—Reuter.

MAKING IT EASIER TO BECOME AN AUSTRALIAN

Canberra, Aug. 28.

Recent changes in the law to ease alien newcomers into the Australian community pattern are now operating.

A new settler need not now advertise in the newspaper his intention to seek naturalisation. Six months before completing his residency qualification of five years he notifies the Immigration Department of this intention. Formerly he was requested to give a two-year notification.

Mr Harold Holt, the Immigration Minister, said that the old two-year notice was to give the public an opportunity to lodge any objection on the ground of undesirability but in 40 years there had been few objections. In any case the Government did not accept the protests without question but made its own investigation.

The Minister has power to waive all residential requirements for citizenship.

Mr Holt explained that this covered men and women who had married Australians and in many cases were already well assimilated at the time of marriage.

Minors over 16 years receive their own naturalisation certificates instead of being listed in that of their parents.

The fee for a certificate is now £1 instead of £5.

The aim of the Government, Mr Holt said, is to encourage new settlers to become true Australians both in fact and in law.



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MOROCCO PROPOSALS

Faure Insists On Decisions In Two Weeks

Paris, Aug. 28.

The French Cabinet was today holding a lengthy session on the Moroccan question following last week's French-Moroccan talks at Aix Les Bains in the French Alps.

Premier Edgar Faure is known to be insisting on decisions being taken on proposed solutions to the Moroccan problem and wants them taken by September 12. One Cabinet session may not be enough to decide on these proposals.

Following the Aix Les Bains conference it was understood that three main points had been agreed upon.

1. Retirement of the present Sultan Sidi Mohammed Moulay Arafa.

2. Setting up of a group of "Guardians of the Throne."

3. Replacing of the Resident-General, M. Gilbert Grandval.

Two main points, however, still require settling. These are:

• 1. Composition of the future Moroccan government. Moderate parties in France would like to see French residents in Morocco represented on it.

• 2. The part to be played by former Sultan Sidi Mohammed Ben Youssef (deposed two years ago).

Moroccan Nationalists would like him to take part in forming a Moroccan government or at least agreeing to it from some residence where he would appear free.

On the other hand, several French political groups want the present Sultan to remain on the throne and would like to be given time to think the problem over.—France-Presse.

Wanted To Help Grandmother

Paris, Aug. 28.

When a motorist stopped to give a small boy a lift on a main road from Melun, about 20 miles south of Paris, the boy solemnly asked to be driven to Algiers.

In reply to questions from the surprised motorist the boy, aged 10, said his grandmother lived there and as there had been trouble there, she ought not to be alone. So he had left his parents' home and hoped to hitch-hike to Algiers to be with her.

The motorist, handed the boy over to the police who drove him back to his family. The boy's name has not been disclosed.—France-Presse.

ADOPTED CHILD DISAPPEARS

Munich, Aug. 28.

Claude Phelippeau, a little French girl, who was born in a German prison during the last war, has been taken to an unknown hiding place by her adopted German mother, the Munich paper Acht Uhr Blatt announced today.

The little girl has been ordered to be returned to her real mother, Mme Georgette Phelippeau of Marseille, by the American High Court in Germany.

The German adopted mother, Frau Erna Strobanek, has protested against the court decision. She has written to Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, President Eisenhower, the United States Ambassador to West Germany, Mr James B. Conant, and the French Ambassador, M. Andre Francois-Poncet, to enable her to keep the little French girl, whom she has raised from infancy.—France-Presse.

New French UN Delegate

New York, Aug. 28.

M. Herve Alphand, France's newly appointed permanent delegate to the United Nations flew here today from Paris to assume his post.

He told reporters that the "peoples of the world feel they are on the threshold of a period of real and lasting peace."

He urged that the nations of the world pool their efforts "so that the United Nations may live up to its name by becoming truly united."

M. Alphand succeeds M. Henri Hoppenot, who has been named Commissioner-General in Indo-China.—Reuter.

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With smoke still rising from her decks the 300-ton all wooden Danish schooner Hans Agede is towed into Dover Harbour. The Hans Agede carrying a cargo of wood, caught fire in the North Sea. The living quarters and engine room are badly damaged.—Express Photo.

CANADIAN JAMBOREE

BOY SCOUTS BREAK CAMP

Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Aug. 28.

Eleven thousand Boy Scouts broke camp today, packing their camping equipment and souvenirs of Canada at the end of the Eighth World Boy Scout Jamboree.

Officials said it might take two or three days to get all the Scouts onto trains, buses, and boats with air and sea connections for overseas points.

Some of the Scouts have planned to visit major Canadian and American points such as Montreal, Vancouver and New York on their way home.

The Jamboree officially ended yesterday with the Scout oath repeated in the huge outdoor arena, in the languages of the 68 countries represented.

The Scouts sang "Auld Lang Syne," and gave a rousing cheer to Lady Baden-Powell, the widow of the founder of the Boy Scout movement.

Though a few hitches developed, the 10-day Jamboree was pronounced a great success by the Scout leaders from all countries. No serious injuries and only a few illnesses marred the Jamboree—and most of the hospital cases were treatments for poison ivy.

Stormed Arena

Highlight of the Jamboree was the movement of 10,000 Scouts by bus, train and boat from Niagara-on-the-Lake to Toronto to attend the opening day of the Canadian National Exhibition.

One of the hitches that developed was in the use of language. English and French were the official languages, but French Scouts stormed the arena when the American contingent failed to provide a French narrator for part of its big historical pageant.

Another hitch was in the food supply. For the first few days the quartermaster's division could not keep up with special demands of Middle Eastern Scouts for lamb, rice, and spices.

The Jamboree, at one stage, ran out of firewood and logs for gateways and spars for tent-poles. But an appeal to local firms and residents flooded the camp with a supply of wood.

Two storms hit the tented city, built high on the bank of the Niagara River where it empties into Lake Ontario. One storm—the whiplash from hurricane Connie—levelled 50 of the 800 tents set up before the Scouts arrived, and volunteers from the district helped repair the damage so the Jamboree could get under way as scheduled.

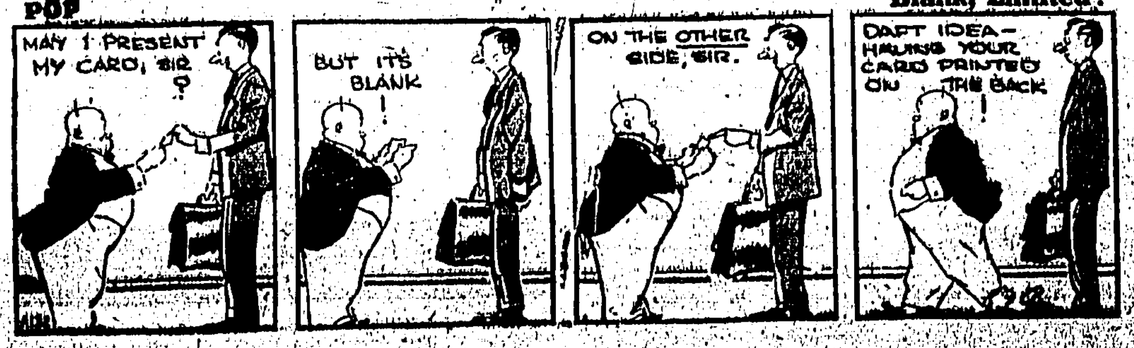
Well Looked After

Another storm midway through the Jamboree knocked down a few tents and tipped over a number of displays set up by the foreign contingents, but the Scouts weathered the test of living under canvas in a storm.

Jim Dodds, the deputy Chief Scout for Canada, and chief of the Jamboree camp, told the Scouts at the closing ceremony:

"The Jamboree has been a tremendous undertaking, and if you boys have had a wonderful time, it has been because the administrative details and operations of the Jamboree have been so well looked after by the small executive staff."—United Press.

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ALLEGED EGYPTIAN AGGRESSION AT GAZA

Situation Worse Than At Any Time Since Armistice

Jerusalem, Aug. 28.

An Israel Foreign Office statement tonight said Egyptian "aggression" had reached dimensions without precedent since the 1949 armistice agreement between the two countries.

The statement followed a day of incidents in which four Egyptians and two Israelis were killed.

The Foreign Ministry spokesman who made the statement said Israel would not allow the situation in the troubled Gaza border area to get out of hand.

He said the Israeli Government would take all measures of self-defence for the protection of its citizens and alleged that there had been 11 Egyptian attacks in the three days which followed Egypt's withdrawal from talks with Israel on reducing tension.

The spokesman declared "the Egyptian army not only attack Israel security patrols moving along the armistice line, but penetrate deeply into Israel territory, mining roads, attacking vehicles and destroying wells, with a rising toll of dead and wounded."—Reuter.

Dulles Proposals

Jerusalem, Aug. 28.

Israel's caretaker cabinet said after its weekly meeting today that Mr John Foster Dulles' proposals for Arab-Israeli peace required further study and clarification of some points through contact with the United States Government.

A communique, issued after the cabinet meeting, did not specify the points, but circles close to the Government said one question was the American Secretary of State's reference to "border adjustments."

Most of today's cabinet meeting was devoted to Arab-Israeli relations and Mr Dulles' proposals. The other two main points in Mr Dulles' peace programme are compensation for Arab refugees and United Nations reconsideration of the status of Jerusalem.

Mr David Ben-Gurion, Premier-Designate, reviewed the border situation and incidents along the Gaza strip which culminated in eight clashes between Israel and Egypt in 48 hours.

Mr Ben-Gurion wrote in an article in today's issue of Davar, the newspaper of the Israeli Federation of Labour, on negotiations to form a coalition government. "No government, which would fail to safeguard at any price the country's borders and sovereignty, would survive."

Referring to potential coalition partners, the Premier-Designate said: "all of them favour peace with the Arabs, but are united in their determination to safeguard the inviolability of the country's borders and sovereignty, from whatever quarter an attempt is made on these." —Reuter.

French Sympathy

Paris, Aug. 28.

The French Government is "in sympathy" with the new peace plan for Israel and the Arab states proposed by Mr John Foster Dulles, the Foreign Ministry said in a communique published today.

The communique said: "The French Government wants from the present to express its sympathy for the spirit behind the proposals."

The communique said this "spirit" corresponds to a great extent with the aims that France has set herself in the Near East, especially as regards the bolstering of the guarantees offered by the United States, Britain and France in their tripartite declaration made in May, 1950.

The communique said: "The French Government will give its full attention to a detailed study of the suggestions with regard to specially complicated problems that have preoccupied France for many years."

The French Government hopes the new possibilities which stem from the United States proposals will be approved by all countries interested in the Near East situation, the communique said. —France-Presse.

Biography Of The Stars

Berkeley Calif., Aug. 28.

FOUR humans and a robot electronic brain are writing a "biography of the stars" here at the University of California, the university announced.

Already their research supports the theory that stars are being created constantly, and has turned up new problems concerning the behaviour of matter at very high temperatures.

The object of the research is to learn more secrets of the physico-chemical reactions that take place inside stars. Atom smashers at the university here are involved in this phase of research.

But the bulk of the findings has been obtained through use of the electronic brain made available at the Livermore laboratory near here operated by the Atomic Energy Commission.

The star under research is Sirius, the dog star, the scientists have learned that it must be less than 100 million years old—much younger than the earth which formed between 4,500 million and 6,000 million years ago.

10 Light Years

The age of the dog star—situated 10 light years from the earth—strengthens their theory that stars are being born continually, the scientists say.

Sirius, they say, is similar to the earth's sun because both are in the same phase of evolution. They next plan to study the evolution of the sun.

The researchers reached their findings by giving the robot brain problems involving physico - chemical reactions which must have occurred while the sun was developing.

They give the brain the conditions which may have existed when the star formed, then the brain follows the reactions during several million years. The results are then compared with the known state of the star today.

If the computations and actual conditions agree, the researchers think they are correct in the initial guess about the composition, and continue their computations. — China Mail Special.

Women And Defence

New Delhi, Aug. 28.

India's Defence Minister, Dr K. N. Katju informed the Indian Parliament that so far no woman cadet had been admitted to the country's National Defence Academy.

Dr Katju said that this was due to "statutory bar" in regard to women's admission to the defence academy.—China Mail Special.

RADIUM "BOMB" STILL MISSING

Paris, Aug. 28.

Police said here the thief, who stole a radio-active "bomb" from a Paris factory this week, may have known it contained seven million francs (about £7,000) worth of lethal radium.

The "bomb", a slim lead cylinder with a radium screw used to detect flaws in welded metal, could produce fatal leukemia in anybody who handled it, or stood too close to it.

Atomic energy experts have joined police in a hunt with Geiger counters through all the capital's scrap metal heaps in case the thief has sold the bomb to a dealer as an ordinary lump of lead.

The thief and any accomplices have almost certainly absorbed a fatal dose of radio-activity while handling the cylinder—unless they knew of the dangers and took the necessary precautions.

Police say that the thief would have difficulty in finding a customer for the radium and may have abandoned it in a ditch or river where it will remain radio-active for another 1,600 years. — China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS	DOWN
1 Fire irons (6).	1 Royal lady (8).
4 Vassal (5).	2 Animal (8).
7 Set fire to (6).	3 Decays (4).
8 Courteous (5).	5 Apes (8).
10 Scorch (4).	6 Steers (6).
12 Ten-year periods (7).	9 Fruit (5).
15 Drive back (5).	11 Told off (8).
16 Experiment (4).	12 Valleys (5).
17 Cease (4).	13 Representative (8).
19 Unusual (5).	14 Alarmed (8).
20 Abridge (7).	18 Do well (6).
21 Soothmyer (4).	22 Retain (4).
23 Riddle (5).	
24 Recollect (6).	
25 Unwell (5).	
26 Extend (6).	

SATURDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 3 Replicas, 8 Esteem, 9 Liberate, 11 Deviates, 12 Mere, 13 Robot, 18 Dates, 19 Rule, 22 Dossiers, 24 Convince, 25 Annual, 26 Sustains. Down: 1 Leads, 2 Stove, 3 Relaxed, 4 Emit, 5 Lees, 6 Craven, 7 Skewer, 10 Beret, 14 Baron, 15 Lessens, 16 Fracas, 17 Flanks, 20 Revue, 21 Psalm, 22 Diva, 23 Scan.

Off To New York And Back



A Canberra Mark 7 photographic reconnaissance aircraft of the English Electric Company which last Tuesday completed the first ever double crossing of the Atlantic in one day. The Canberra was piloted by John William Hackett with Peter Moneypenny as navigator — both of Silver City Airways. The distance covered was 6,920 miles.—Express Photo.

US MAY REJECT COMPETITION

Washington, Aug. 28.

Reports spread today in the wake of an international controversy over US trade policies that the administration may decide to eliminate all foreign bids on Federal contracts for domestic construction.

There was no immediate confirmation of these reports but high officials were said to feel that if foreign bids were not accepted at all on big Government contracts, there no longer would be international arguments when they are rejected.

They are understood to be planning to study the matter further this autumn to decide if any legislative changes in existing law would be proposed at the next session of Congress, or whether such an action could be taken by executive order of the President.

One source said today that while he did not know of any such plans in the offing, he thought it might be logical since the volume of business represented by the contracts is very small in comparison with US offshore contract awards in foreign lands and yet provides a constant irritant to friendly relations with new protests being made each time one of the foreign bids is rejected.

No Precedent

The most recent example occurred last week when the Defence Department rejected low British bids on contracts for three electric power generators and three transformers for the Chief Joseph Dam in Washington State.

Defence Secretary Mr Charles E. Wilson announced he had accepted the more expensive American company bids because the companies here agreed to build the equipment in Pittsburgh where there was substantial unemployment.

Mr Wilson said at the time, however, that the decision was based on "particular action in the present case" and "was not meant to establish a precedent to guide or control the actions of military departments in awarding future contracts."

The latter statement would seem to deny today's reports, but some sources feel nevertheless that such discussions may be under way.—United Press.

Adenauer Returns To Germany



DR ADENAUER

Bonn, Aug. 28.

West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer returned to his home at Rhodendorf near here late last night after a six-week vacation in Switzerland.

The 69-year-old Chancellor was spending a final quiet day home before going back to his office tomorrow morning.

He returned to German soil yesterday after vacationing at Muerren, Switzerland, since July 18.

Dr Adenauer will have little more than a week to complete preparations for his Moscow trip on September 3.

He flies to Russia on that date to discuss the establishment of diplomatic, commercial and cultural relations with Soviet Russia and to attempt to gain the release of German war prisoners still held in Communist camps.—United Press.

FIREMEN RESIGN

Paris, Aug. 28.

All 41 firemen of Pont-Leveque resigned today because local citizens called in "foreign" firemen to put out a blaze in their territory.

They complained that firefighters from Beaumont-en-Auge and Trouville put out the flames on Tuesday while onlookers jeered at the efforts of the local men.

The town's citizens charged that they could not locate the local firemen who were probably off slipping upstairs, or otherwise engaged.—United Press.

Visiting Stork

Goeppingen, Aug. 28.

A young stork settled on the roof of a maternity ward today for half an hour—during which time a boy was born to one of the patients and a girl to another.—China Mail Special.

NAZI PLANE MAY HOLD FORTUNE

Linz, Aug. 28.

Divers working at record depths beneath the calm blue surface of Lake Atter, near here, will make their first attempt this week to lift a German fighter plane which according to rumour contains a lost hoard of Nazi gold.

The plane has become a local legend since April, 1945, during the last days of the collapse of Hitler's Reich, when it crashed beneath the surface off a favourite bathing resort.

According to local legend and newspaper reports, the plane had a load of platinum, gold and documents which were to be flown on Hitler's personal orders from besieged Berlin to the "Alpine redoubt" in which some Nazis hoped to make a last-ditch stand.

On its way the plane was attacked by United States fighters and crashed in the lake. One member of the crew went down with the aircraft. Two are known to have been saved, but have never been traced to give their version of the story.—China Mail Special.

Japanese Delegation In Peking

London, Aug. 28.

A delegation of 42 members of the Japanese Diet, en route to the Soviet Union, has arrived in Peking by air from Canton, New China news Agency said today. One group arrived on Friday and the other arrived today.

The delegation is led by Tokutaro Kitamura (Japanese Democratic Party) and Masaru Nomizo (leftwing Socialist Party).

The delegates were met at the airport by Chang Hsi-jo, President, Chien Tuan-sheng, Vice-President, of the Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, and other Chinese officials.

Shortly after their arrival in Peking today, the two leaders of the Diet delegation issued a written statement at a press conference, the New China News Agency reported.

They said in the statement they were confident that restoration of diplomatic relations and "rapid promotion" of economic and cultural exchange between the two countries were "not only earnestly desired by the two peoples but beneficial for ensuring world peace." —Reuter.

Kono Lends Weight To Talks

Washington, Aug. 28.

The Japanese Agriculture Minister, Mr Ichiro Kono, said today that he is joining the US-Japanese talks to give them added political weight.

Mr Kono is in a better position to do things, he told reporters, because of his prestige in the Hatoyama Cabinet and his Party.

The Minister then disclosed that his participation in the high-level talks opening tomorrow will not be confined to economic and agricultural matters.

Asked whether his remarks were to be interpreted as indicating a difference between Mr Kono and Mr Shigemitsu, the Japanese deputy Premier and Foreign Minister, who heads the delegation, Mr Kono said that no difference exists.

Nevertheless, he said, he was "much more aware" of the position of the Party and the Cabinet than the Foreign Minister, and that therefore his participation in the discussions "will carry great weight."

Great Weight

Speaking through a translator, Mr Kono explained that whatever Mr Shigemitsu has to say will be based on the extent to which the Party is willing to support him. He stressed again that he, Mr Kono, is the liaison man between the Cabinet and the Party and therefore aware of "these political realities."

Asked about specific points that will come under discussion, such as the defence programme and rearmament, Mr Kono said he completely endorses Mr Shigemitsu's position on these matters.

Mr Kono said the State Department knows he carries great weight in the Cabinet and the Party and therefore he expects a discussion of a possible merger between the two leading conservative groups, the Democratic Party and the Liberal Party.

Mr Kono said the extent of his participation in the talks would depend on Mr Shigemitsu's judgment. He left no doubt, however that he expected to participate in the most important meetings.

The Minister pointed out that the top-level meetings here would not be limited to U.S. Government officials but would also extend to leading political figures.

Japanese Side

It is in this connection, he said, that he will attend a gathering Vice-President Richard Nixon has prepared for the Japanese delegation at which prominent Democratic and Republican politicians are expected to be present.

"We intend to present the Japanese side in the many matters affecting the relations between our two countries. We want to explain this not only to your Government but also to your political leaders," he told reporters.—United Press.

US Farm Produce Surplus

BENSON WILL EXPLAIN

Washington, Aug. 28.

THE United States Secretary of Agriculture, Mr Ezra Benson, left here today for Europe and said he was going to try to explain United States policy on farm surpluses.

He had no plans for selling any surpluses to Russia, he told reporters.

Russia can come into the market and buy almost anything, he said, adding that restrictions on open-market sales apply only to Communist China and North Korea.

"Of course, there are restrictions against selling government held commodities to Communist countries, but on the open market all the Russians had to do is get a licence. I'm sure they could get a licence and buy on the open market."

Mr Benson said the Soviet farm delegation recently in this country had invited him to visit Russia but he could not do so this year.

He took off on his mission to explain American farm surplus problems after reports had circulated that the State Department was worried lest selling excess commodities abroad would bring complaints of "dumping" from some countries.

His itinerary includes visits to Britain, Holland, Denmark, France, Italy and Switzerland before he returns on September 14.—Reuter.

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THE BRIDGE to the BOWSTRING

'Most of the women here were no more than slaves, young girls in a cage,' he said . . . But did this story really happen? Tomorrow the answer will be published.



DRAWING BY SHOWELL

THEN there appeared through the door which I had thought closed, two burly Negroes dragging a white girl between them.

by
ARTHUR GOULD LEE



AIR VICE-MARSHAL ARTHUR STANLEY GOULD LEE won the Military Cross as a fighter pilot in the first world war. Early in the second he escaped from Crete with King Paul of Greece and served in Turkey, Egypt, Greece, Rumania and Yugoslavia. He took up writing on his retirement in 1946, and his most recent book — The Empress Frederick Writes To Sophie—has been recommended by the Book Society. Sixty, he is married and lives in Kensington.

FOR over three years, from 1937 to 1940, I enjoyed the rare experience of working in the former seraglio of the Ottoman Sultans in Istanbul. I was one of two RAF officers lent to the Turkish Air Force as instructors for their newly formed Staff College, the first British officers to be seconded to the Turks since 1914.

The Colleges of the Air Force, Army and Navy were housed in the Yildiz Palace, as the seraglio was called, a place made famous, or rather infamous, by the despotic regime of Abdul Hamid the Damned. The Palace, which was strictly closed to the public, consisted of groups of buildings, of varying size, style and function, set out irregularly among courtyards and gardens, all perched on the top of a hill overlooking the Bosphorus, and encircled by huge forbidding walls.

Here, protected by troops and police, the Sultans had lived in prison-like seclusion, rarely seeing anyone but their Court officials, and spending most of their time in the harem. This menage, in an inner enclosure, contained several hundred odalisques—wives, concubines and servants—all jealously guarded by Negro eunuch-slaves. Only towards the end of the 1914-18 war did this atrocious oriental institution disappear.

Several tours

By 1937 most of the Yildiz buildings were employed for military staff courses. My companion (who was later killed in a flying accident, and whom I will here call Mac) and I gave our lectures in rooms which still bore the marks of their former use—the ornate ceilings, the gilded woodwork, the ornamental mirrors, the latticed cupboards, the dainty little paintings in oval wall panels. And although the whole seraglio was normally thronged with men in uniform, the atmosphere of a strange and melancholy past still clung everywhere.

Mac and I took several tours around the harem, with its pavilions and chalets and kiosks, and always the encircling walls. But it was not until we were taken round by a visiting officer, who knew the place well because his father had once been a Court official, that we saw the whole incredible warren — the garish *salons*, the dead little chambers still holding the aroma of musk, the dark, secret passage-ways, and some cell-like rooms with small, barred windows.

Yet in the open air, many of the buildings had charm, with their projecting eaves, and wisteria-clad walls, and marble terraces and tranquil courtyards. One secluded arbour that took my fancy, between two pavilions of the harem, was centred by a fountain and pool spanned by a marble footbridge, which connected iron-studded doors in either pavilion.

"Snug corner this," I commented.

"But like the whole harem, a prison," answered our guide. "Most of the women here were no more than slaves, young girls in a cage, fretting away their lives, pining for love."

"But surely the Sultan....?" I began.

"Of course, if a girl became a concubine and bore him a child, her lot was easier. But if she never caught his eye, and some day tried to find a lover, perhaps among the Court officials. . . ."

He stopped, and shrugged his shoulders.

"Liquidated?" asked Mac.

"The Bosphorus or the bowstring," he replied. And he told us how sometimes suspected women were tied up in sacks and thrown into the sea, while others were strangled here in the seraglio.

"Strangely enough," he went on, "this graceful little bridge was once known as the Bridge to the Bowstring, because it led...."—he pointed to one of the studded doors — "to a chamber where women were tortured until they revealed their accomplices, and then" — he made an expressive gesture against his throat—"the bowstring."

Cool arbour

But then and afterwards Mac and I had little time to dwell on such horrors, for we were fully occupied with our duties. We had the use of a small kiosk, and here, one afternoon in the mid-summer of 1938, we had settled down to work during a spell when the other instructors, Turkish and German, and all the students, were away on a tactical exercise in the Dardanelles, and when for once Yildiz was practically deserted.

The day was blazing hot, with not a breath of cooling wind from the Black Sea. In town I had lunched generously, and the stifling air of the kiosk soon made it difficult for me to keep awake. Then I thought of the cool arbour by the bridge. Mac preferred to stay in the kiosk, and so, promising to be back within the hour, I collected my papers, and was soon sitting on a shady bench by one of the studded doors.

I tried to get on with my work, but even here the heat was too much for me, and I again began to feel drowsy. There was not a soul around, and the stillness was broken only by the splash of the fountain, and the occasional wailing siren of a distant ferry-boat on the Bosphorus.

My head kept nodding forwards, and I would come to with a jerk, gazing lethargically at a zig-zag gap between the marble slabs of the pavement, just by my feet. Idly I noticed specks of white stone in the gap. The sound of falling water was very soothing, and I was quite content to enjoy a few moments' nap.

Cry of alarm

Then suddenly, above the splash of the fountain, I heard whispering voices, quite near to me, and they were women's voices. Strange, I thought, I've never seen a woman in Yildiz, not in all the months I've been here.

The whispering grew louder, until I could recognise Turkish, though I knew too little of the language to understand. They seemed to be in the room behind me, whose small grilled window was above my head. And now one of them began to weep, quietly, but with such sadness that I could not bear it, and decided to go.

But I found to my amazement that I could not move. And as I sat there, alarmed and puzzled at my predicament, there was the sound of bolts being drawn and a door opening, followed by a woman's cry of alarm. Then came a man's voice. Both women immediately burst into tearful words of entreaty and protest. Embarrassed at overhearing this domestic squabble, as it seemed, I struggled to get up, but was rooted there unable even to lift an arm.

Then came a second male voice, harsh and peremptory. At once a clamour followed, with both women crying out in fear and the men growling angrily. Then there appeared, a yard from me, through the door which I had thought closed, two burly Negroes, dragging a white girl between them.

Gold cloth

The men wore the fez, and black zouave jackets with red trousers to the knee, and carried short scimitars through their girdles. The woman, young and lovely, also wore a zouave jacket of gold cloth, with silken trousers to her ankles. On her dark hair was a gold cap from which hung a loop of pearls to below her ear. And from her came a pungent waft of musky perfume.

Of me, the three took no notice whatever. While I strove to escape from my nightmare paralysis, I saw them force her, struggling and weeping hysterically, up the bridge. Then her tears turned to a shrill scream, which one of the blacks stifled with his hand.

His clumsy fingers broke the loop of pearls, which cascaded down to the ground, even as they rushed her across, and disappeared with her through the doorway opposite. It had all happened in a few seconds. Some of the pearls were still rolling down the slope of the bridge towards me. One dropped into the zig-zag gap.

Then from where they had entered, there came a wail of despair, which went on and on until it became a shriek of mortal terror. It stopped abruptly in a convulsion of coughing gasps and high-pitched whimperings, which quickly sank into silence.

Meanwhile, the woman in the room behind had fallen into a succession of long shuddering sobs. I could endure no more, and fought desperately to free myself. Then suddenly my bonds were broken by a hand touching my shoulder.

"Steady," came Mac's voice. "Snap out of that dream."

Staring eyes

I sought for words to answer. I could still hear that wail and those gasps of strangulation.

"It's time to go," he complained. "You've been up here over two hours."

"I must have fallen asleep," I muttered. I felt a little sick. It had all seemed so real.

"Asleep! You were throwing a fit almost. Eyes wide open, staring as though you'd just seen a ghost."

A ghost! I stood up dazedly. The door beside me was closed, as also the one opposite. I tried them both and they were locked. Mac watched me with surprise. Then I heard the wail of a ferry siren. Of course, I told myself with relief it was the siren I had heard, just as I was falling into a doze.

"Come on, let's go," said Mac. "I'm panting for a cup of tea."

We moved off. But I was still confused. The girl's perfume seemed yet in my nostrils. I could see her frantic struggles on the bridge, see the big black hand over her face, the pearls falling, one of them dropping between the slabs of the marble pavement.

A sudden inspiration came. I stopped. "You go ahead," I told Mac. "I'll follow in a couple of minutes."

White grains

I went back to the arbour, and knelt by the zig-zag crack. I noticed now that a subsidence of one of the slabs had recently opened the gap, so disturbing and exposing the caked accumulation of dust and dirt of heaven knows how many years. Out came my penknife, and I began to pick out the white grains. I knew exactly where to go. Almost at once the blade dislodged something larger that was round. I lifted it out with a feeling half of elation, half of dread. Except for the top speck of white, it was covered with grime, which, when I rubbed with a wet handkerchief, quickly slid off, exposing a creamy shining surface.

Yes, it was a pearl. A few days later I took it to a jeweller in Pera, who offered to buy it for a hundred and fifty Turkish lirae, worth about fifteen pounds sterling. But it was too wonderful a thing to sell. I kept it, wrapped in cotton wool, in my stud box.

At the time I said little about my experience, for I did not want to be regarded as rather odd. Later, when I tried to explain how I found the pearl, people either looked at me sideways or accused me of romancing. So I explained no more.

Then war came, and I still had the pearl with me in April, 1941, while I was serving with the RAF in Greece. When the evacuation of the British forces seemed certain, I packed my most prized personal belongings, the pearl included, in a suitcase, which I put on an embassy launch that was escaping to Crete.

But while lying off an island of the Cyclades, the launch was sunk by a prowling German bomber. And so the pearl of the Bridge to the Bowstring lies now some fathoms down in the waters of the Aegean.

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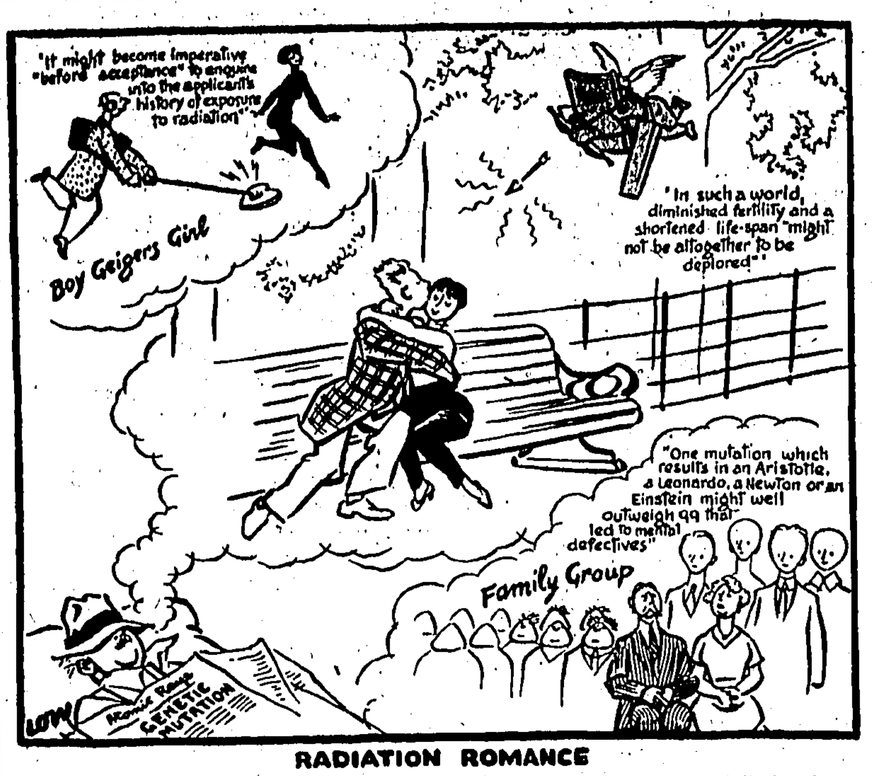
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By Stephen Garnett

THE ASTONISHING CASE OF HU FENG

Few outside observers have understood perfectly the Chinese Communist persecution of the writer Hu Feng, which has figured dominantly in the current drive against "counter-revolutionaries." The puzzling aspects are here explained by a journalist and traveller with a familiar knowledge of the contemporary political and social scene on the Chinese mainland. His father was a teacher of English in China, and he himself has spent many years in the country.

THE announcement from Peking of the arrest of Hu Feng, in the middle of July 1955, marked the final chapter of an astonishing story. For he had already been publicly tried and condemned—if nation-wide denunciations, with no provision for defence, can be called a trial.

From May to July, while tolerance, peaceful co-existence and the easing of tensions provided the main themes of international news the domestic scene in China was dominated by this extraordinary demonstration of internal tensions, intolerance and thought-control. Day after day and week after week Chinese broadcasts, official agency reports and newspaper articles flayed the ideas and philosophy of Hu Feng and his associates as public dangers.

● Great Influence

In the end—and almost inevitably — Hu Feng was formally charged with "spying for Chiang Kai-shek."

In China the literary and educated minority has traditionally wielded great influence. This may help to explain the weight of State power now brought to bear upon a relatively uncelebrated writer. Today the name of Hu Feng must be known to everyone in China who can read, listen to the radio, or attend to what his neighbours are talking about.

For Hu Feng himself it is fame and catastrophe together, a human drama quite as fascinating to the remote spectator as the larger aspects of the case—and they may prove to be very large indeed. In one of the more recent letters that his accusers have obtained, by means "both voluntary and compulsory," Hu Feng wrote to a colleague (on February 8, 1955):

"Do not be aggrieved, and pray keep your head whatever happens. There will yet be many more things we have to endure, and it is only in endurance that we may live again. All this is for the cause, all for a greater future. So, in the forthcoming meeting, do not be stubborn. You should talk about the mistakes of Hu Feng. Myself, if the Party wants me to elucidate my stand, I will write an article. There is really little more to be said. The people know in their hearts where I have erred and where I have been in the right."

● Denounced

Perhaps the Chinese people do know that, although what they were expected to accept, after months of verbal bombardment from the Press monopoly which Hu Feng had vainly tried to break in the name of creative writing, was that his errors had been total, fatal and criminal. What appeared to begin as a literary affair has been enlarged by the authorities into a gigantic exposure of "counter-revolution," in which warnings have been given of a 10 percent purge, whether of the Party or of all State employees is not clear.

Hu Feng and his handful of associates, with their little magazines, their philosophic speculations, and their contempt for Party-run "culture," have in the end been denounced as "imperialist elements, special service agents of the Kuomintang reactionary military officers, Trotskyites, traitors, collectors and betrayers of the Revolution."

At first sight it looks killing a fly with a sledgehammer. But there are many questions still to be answered, and it is not easy for those living outside China to be certain in their judgments in this publicly-conducted "unmasking."

One of the most striking things in the whole affair is the contrast between the extreme, the almost hysterical, official wrath and alarm on the one hand, and on the other the self-confident optimism with which over a number of years Hu Feng did battle against the Party dictatorship over literature. The fly, it seems, was cooler than the sledgehammer.

Hu Feng habitually wrote as a follower of Marxist-Leninist theory, but it now seems that he and a small circle of writer friends have always been in some degree of opposition to the official Communist Party of China. He was never a member of the Party, but he belonged to the Youth League and to several of the sponsored literary societies. He was even a delegate to the first National People's Congress in the summer of 1954.

● More Elastic

Soon after that Congress, it appears, he proposed to the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party that they should make the organisation of literature much more elastic, even to allowing independent popular journals edited by established writers who might not see eye to eye with Party dogma. He said that the rules and regulations about what should and should not be written amounted to five daggers stuck into the heads of both writers and readers. He wanted a chance for younger writers and for individual creativeness.

He spoke of the "expansion of the inner self" as a better theme for literature than the endless mulling over officially "significant" subjects, such as the lives of workers, peasants and soldiers, and their contribution to the fulfilment of political and economic plans.

It is refreshing to know that such ideas of literary freedom were current, and that someone was bold enough to put them before the all-powerful Party. But it seems almost incredible that Hu Feng should really have thought his suggestions would be acted upon. It took some months for the campaign against him to gather momentum, but when it did an act of treachery by a former friend placed in the hands of the authorities private letters which they have used to the full in inflating the Hu Feng case into a warning to the whole Chinese nation.

Looked at in one way, the drive in China against "the Hu Feng counter-revolutionary clique" seems lumbering and mechanical. Comparable in scale (and, to an outsider of slower intellectual reflexes, in tedium also) with the former "Resist America Aid Korea" movement, and with the publicity campaign to "liberate Taiwan."

But there are differences. We are accustomed in all countries to mass appeals to political patriotism: dictatorships, whether Fascist or Communist, are simply more thorough and more ruthless about it. But the Hu Feng affair begins with a clash of personalities and coteries in the small literary world, and a squabble about intellectual theories that many of us would dismiss as "highbrow". Thence it is expanded into a gigantic call to vigilance and discipline in which the peasant in the fields and the mechanic at his bench are summoned to take an interest in—and a warning from—the case of a writer of whom they would never otherwise have heard.

● Human Note

In the second place, the use of Hu Feng's private correspondence as evidence in the attack upon him gives the whole thing a human quality which the other totalitarian manipulations of opinion in China have lacked. Voices are heard, real voices sounding through the jargon of interpretation and rejoinder. They may or may not be the voices of counter-revolution. They are certainly the voices of mental struggle and protest.

On May 13, when the slow-moving purge of Hu Feng and his associates became a public affair, the official People's Daily of Peking devoted an entire page to the "self-examination" which he had been persuaded to produce. It was not a very apologetic statement. Worse still for Hu Feng, the opposite page of the paper carried a series of 34 confidential letters which he had written long before to two comrades, Lu Ling and Shu Wu. It seems that it was Shu Wu, smarting from a quarrel or trying to save his own skin, who had surrendered the letters.

They are for the most part the sort of letters any literary man might write who found himself and his ideas threatened by dogmatic conventions and a monopoly of publishing. But in this case the conventions were Communist Party conventions, and Hu Feng's remarks were therefore political deviations.

● More Letters

However, when these early letters were written, neither the literary nor indeed the political dictatorship were yet firmly established. They were enough for disapproval, but perhaps not enough for condemnation. Appeals were made for further evidence, and sure enough it was obtained, partly by voluntary means (said the People's Daily) and partly by compulsion.

Two more batches of letters, implicating others as well as Hu Feng, were subsequently published, and everywhere denounced at enormous length. "Literature is as dead as a corpse," Hu Feng had written to Niu Han in January, 1951. "It grieves me even to have my poem published."

And Niu Han replied: "Perhaps after a few decades there may be no conflict between man and man in China and the dignity and honesty of man will not be injured. Today, a man gets injured precisely because he defends his dignity and honesty. . . . This is China's shame."

What these men were fighting was the stultifying effect of the Party control of literature, and the dogma of "social realism."

Chang Chung-hsiao, another of the group, exclaims in a letter of February 1951: "How many promising talents have they not destroyed with the abstractions of proletariat, peasantry and soldiers and with vulgar patriotism!"

● Angry Despair

To such outpouring of his friends, Hu Feng would reply sometimes with angry despair, sometimes with bold defiance of the situation and contempt for the enemies of creative writing. Now he would work enthusiastically at influencing people by magazine articles and meetings, and again he would feel, as in an undated letter, that:

"We must do what we can and be patient with what we must bear. I am afraid there is no other way. Nothing will come out of writing for these magazines. The powers that be are lucky fellows who have developed an insensible hard shell. But you may try the monkey's tactics of entering their insides."

The dissent and the opposition are plain enough. But the People's Daily and the other organs of authority designated for the exposure of Hu Feng, went to extraordinary lengths to interpret what was already clear, and to emphasise that only their interpretation could possibly be correct.

● Turning Back

Some of their comments were naive in the extreme. For instance, one of Chang Chung-hsiao's letters was quoted, in which Hu Feng was warned that the "feudalistic power is frantically slaughtering people on a scale unprecedented in history." Obviously, ran the official explanation, he meant by the "feudalistic power" the "people's democratic dictatorship." Writers who so misuse words are not to be trusted.

Studying the whole immense indictment, and the enlargement of the literary opposition into a dangerous plan of counter-revolution, one wonders sometimes whether the main object of the purge of Hu Feng may not be that of teaching the Chinese population at large to mistrust all intellectuals. If that is indeed so, the clock of China's great cultural history is being turned back with a vengeance.

The most we can say as present is that it is not being done without protest. And perhaps Hu Feng's will not be the last.

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CLAIMING that horses have a harder time of it than jockeys, a critic of the sporting world might have mentioned that sometimes a horse, ridden constantly by bandy-legged jockeys, gets bandy legs—the front ones at any rate. And no stable will employ a bandy-legged horse.

In my "Hoof-beats of Memory" I told the story of the young knock-kneed jockey who got clamped to his horse. They had to hold the horse upside down and shake him off like an unripe plum into a net held by firemen.

Prodnose: Do firemen shake unripe plums into nets?

Myself: If they don't, it's high time they began.

"What will your horse drink?"

TREATMENT of both horses and dogs is improving. Dogs are so often taken to parties that I expect to see soon, in black type: "the laughing group included **Major Charles ('Bottle') Hoopoe, Rover, Amanda Prittle-Nash, Wibsie and Spingles."** Horses do not go out so much, but I occasionally read that a horse was brought to a hunt ball and ridden round the floor. One definitely has to be a pretty decent nag, and jolly good value, for that sort of treat I mean, actually.

A gallant failure

IT seems to be agreed that the List of Huntingdonshire Cabmen is not suitable material for broadcasting. A spirited attempt was made to differentiate the names by changes of tone, but one could not escape the impression that the reading of a list of cabmen's names is not, in itself, very entertaining. The background music—a selection from "Oklahoma!"—was not noticeably appropriate, and the occasional seagull cries distracted listeners from the picture the reader was trying to create. The funeral done in which "Barker, E. T." was announced seemed as out of place as the desperate gaiety of "Heston, W. D. R." Again, a matter-of-fact enunciation would seem to suit such a subject better than the romantic bravado attempted with "Sudhouse, P." Perhaps time will reveal the right technique for such a programme. Meanwhile, let us call it a gallant failure.

Without comment

YOUNG people from many different countries arrived at the Festival Hall to take part in a Cavalcade of Youth. It had to be explained to them when they arrived that they could not be allowed to wear the national costumes they had brought with them because it was a Sunday.

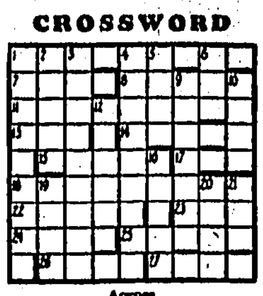
TARGET

H	M	A
E	K	S
E	R	O

HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 20 words, *good*; 24 words, *very good*; 28 words, *excellent*. Solution tomorrow.

SATURDAY'S SOLUTION: Allot allo atoll call calp clap clip clot coal coil colt copal iliac itatle laic lelt lilac lilt local opal optical pail pail pill pilot plait plat plot politic POLITICAL poll tail talc tall till toil toll topical.

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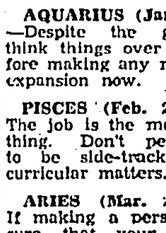


Across

1. It's in the news. (9)
7. Bonnet, for instance, in relation to the windmill. (4)
8. The tailor always brings this to the front. (5)
11. Moderate. (9)
13. It's near the end in Teheran. (3)
14. It may take this to do something daring. (5)
15. Colour. (5)
17. Hill before the quay in Devon. (3)
18. Experimental. (9)
22. Dread makes the snake. (5)
23. The start of the need denotes the maiden name. (3)
24. Rite is rearranged. (4)
25. The bearing of a 1 Down should be. (5)
26. Breakfast on one is accepted occasionally. (4)
27. Lore, in part. (4)

Down

1. Monarch. (9)
2. Hail in Latin before the short right. (5)
3. Rest. (9)
4. Pipers sometimes wear this cap. (5)
5. Unusual. (4)
6. Peevish favourite? (3)
9. Hair line. (7)
10. The look has an evil side to it. (4)
12. He's a betting man. (9)
16. This may put you out. (5)
19. Tide returns. (4)
20. Partner with ham in pie. (4)
21. Reels without the rupees. (3)

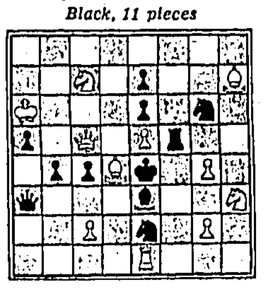


Saturday's solution.

CHESS PROBLEM

By E. SALARDINI

Black, 11 pieces



White, 11 pieces.

White to play: mate in two.

Solution to Saturday's problem:

1. Kt—B2; threat 2. Kt×P (ch). 1 . . . B×Kt; 2. B—K5; 1 . . . P—K4; 2. B×P.

YOUR BIRTHDAY . . . By STELLA

MONDAY, AUGUST 29

BORN today, you are able to get a laugh out of things where others might not—and this makes life a lot easier for you and for those in your sphere of influence. It is likely that your sense of humour will help you out a great deal of the time.

You have a vigorous personality. You also have an intuitive sense for hitting while the iron is hot and making a success of practically anything you undertake.

You are fond of gaiety and you women, especially, are socially minded, enjoy pretty clothes and like to entertain and be entertained. You make excellent hostesses. It is possible the stage will attract you as a career. You also have a good "nose for news" and would make a fine reporter. You will find that the month of May is not the best period in which to start a new undertaking. Either get it well under way earlier in the spring, or postpone it until later on.

Someone born under Libra or Sagittarius will probably be the happiest choice for a life partner. You will more closely harmonise in your interests and in emotional texture.

Among those born on this date are: John Locke, philosopher; Archbishop Patrick Feehan; and Charles Howard Shinn, editor.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Take nothing for granted—especially one who shows tender affection. Reciprocate in kind.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This may be your opportunity to cash in on something that you have been saving up for.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—You will find that being conscientious and giving of your best to the job always pays.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—No matter what happens, take a positive point of view. Optimism always pays off.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—If you find yourself short in funds, perhaps some extra overtime work is the answer just now.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Despite the good aspects, think things over carefully before making any major business expansion now.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—The job is the most important thing. Don't permit yourself to be side-tracked by extra-curricular matters.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—If making a personal loan, be sure that your judgment is accurate or a serious loss could result.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—In making future plans, be sure that important information which you may need is at hand.

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—If you find that routine is deadly monotonous now is the time to think up something new.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—If this is your "time for decision," be sure that you weigh everything carefully.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—In making any kind of a deal, especially with a stranger, be on your guard against possible fraud.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Second Line Of Offence Pays

By OSWALD JACOBY

IMAGINE that you're playing today's hand at the very normal contract of six spades. How do you choose the best line of play for the contract? The defenders take the ace of diamonds and then return a diamond, leaving it up to you to win the rest of the tricks.

You have two possible losers in hearts. You might try a heart finesse, or you might play the top hearts in the hope of dropping the queen. You might lead a low club from your hand to finesse the queen, planning to discard a heart on the ace of clubs. Or you might take the ace of clubs and lead the queen of clubs through East as a ruffing finesse. Instead of taking any finesse, you might discard hearts from the dummy on the queen and jack of diamonds and then ruff out your losing hearts.

	NORTH (D) 25	
	♠ K Q 10 9	
	♥ K J 9 6	
	♦ K	
	♣ A Q J 10	
WEST		EAST
♠ 6 5 2		♠ 4
♥ 5 3		♥ Q 10 7
♦ 9 7 5 2		♦ A 8 6 4 3
♣ K 9 8 5		♣ 8 4 3 2
	SOUTH	
	♠ A J 8 7 3	
	♥ A 8 4 2	
	♦ Q J 10	
	♣ 7	

North-South vul

North	East	South	West
1 ♣	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♦ 2

Here are five different lines of play, all fairly reasonable. How do you pick the best line of play?

It usually pays to work out a combination of two plays, so that you can switch to some other attempt if the first one doesn't work.

You can't adopt a finesse as your first try, for the finesse may lose and defeat you at once. Hence you must try to ruff out the hearts, with a club finesse in reserve as your second line of attack.

When East returns a diamond at the second trick, you win with the jack and discard a heart from dummy. You then draw three rounds of trumps.

Now you cash the queen of diamonds, discarding a second heart from the dummy, after which you take the ace and king of hearts. If the defenders follow to both rounds of hearts, only one heart will be out. You get to your hand by ruffing a club (after taking dummy's ace), ruff one heart in dummy, and your hand is good.

If the hearts break badly, however, you are still in position to take a club finesse as a second try for the slam. You thus have two bites out of the apple instead of only one.

♥♣CARD Sense♠♦

Q—The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Spade	Pass	1 N.T.	Pass
2 Clubs	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠ J 7 2 ♥ K 9 6 2 ♦ Q 8 5 4 ♣ 9 3
What do you do?

A—Bid two spades. You definitely prefer spades to clubs. If North invites game, however, you will decline the invitation.

TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You South, hold:
♠ 7 3 ♥ 9 6 2 ♦ K Q 10 5 4 ♣ J 9 3
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow



WOMANSENSE

Seen On Summer Tables

By ALICE DENHOFF

WE have had so many requests for an especially good barbecue sauce, so here's a super-duper.

It does take a bit of work, we'll grant, but it is superb. There'll be plenty of it, too, since the recipe will take care of sufficient sauce for a barbecue of at least 10 lbs.

Spices Galore

Saute 1 c. minced onion in ½ c. margarine over low heat until soft, but not brown. Add 1 c. each tomatoes and catsup, 2 minced green peppers, 1 c. minced celery tops, ½ c. vinegar, tsp. mixed pickling spices (tied in a cheese-cloth bag) 2 tbsp. brown sugar or 3 tbsp. smooth molasses, tsp. salt, ¼ tsp. each black pepper and dry mustard, tsp. chili powder, ⅛ tsp. dry ginger, 2 tbsp. Worcestershire sauce or ½ tsp. curry powder, 1 thinly sliced lemon, 1 very finely crumbled bay leaf, cayenne pepper to taste, 1 finely minced garlic clove and 1 c. boiling water.

Simmer gently over low heat at least 1 hr. until sauce is rich and thick. Remove bag of pickling spices. Lamb shanks, beef, pork, chicken, done in the oven or over an open fire should be basted with the sauce from time to time.

Basic Selection

Now for a less hot sauce, use same basic selection of ingredients, but reduce pepper and chili powder. And if it isn't hot enough for the real barbecue fans, the mustard, chili powder, ginger and cayenne should be stepped up.

Potato salad goes well anywhere, at the picnic, on the porch, in the dining room.

To serve 8-10, mix lightly 1 qt. cold boiled potatoes cut in cubes, one grated onion, ¼ c. minced parsley, ½ c. diced celery, ½ c. chopped sweet pickles, ½ c. diced cucumber, 2 hard-cooked eggs (save part of one egg yolk to press through strainer over top of salad as garnish) and 2 c. boiled dressing.

Ice Cream Pie

Ice Cream Pie is another item that is always in demand.

For the crust, roll out sufficient graham crackers to make 2 c. fine crumbs. Stir in 3 tbsp. confectioner's sugar that has been mixed with ¼ to ½ c. chopped pecans and a tsp. cinnamon. Add 1-3 stick of butter or margarine.

Mix all together thoroughly. Pour into pie plate, but save several tablespoons of the crumbs for edging the filled plate. Press mixture around sides and bottom of plate firmly and evenly. Bake at 350 deg. F. about 10 min. Fill with ice cream, top with whipped cream, if desired, and edge with reserved crumbs.

Chill well before serving.

Anne Scott-James reports:



OUT OF ALL THE CONFUSION —SIX REAL IDEAS



FEELING confused about the autumn fashion news? From the flood of conflicting ideas, earmark these six as lines to come. THE TUNIC LINE in everything, from tweed day jackets to brocade evening coats. (See the Christian Dior-London coat above.) THE SLIP OF A DRESS, cut princesse style, infinitely simple, often sleeveless. THE EASY FIT of coats, suits, dresses. The fitted waist *isn't* back. BEAUTIFUL NECKLINES, especially Dior's V necks, wide square necks, and many loose polo necks on day clothes. HEAVY HATS, unflattering, un-charming, but I report them as news. THE DRESS PLUS tunic, jacket or bolero, ousting the suit. PICTURE BY DAVID OLINS



BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

Microscopic Magic

—It Makes the Tiniest Things Seem Very Big—

By MAX TRELL

THE Professor was a little man with grey hair and pink cheeks. One afternoon he called at the house. "I'm going down to the pond," he said. "Who would care to come with me?"

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So Knarf and Hanid, the shadow-children with the turned-about names, went down to the pond with the Professor.

"It's a beautiful warm day for a swim," Knarf mentioned to the Professor as they walked along. "I hope you brought your bathing suit."

"I'm not going swimming," replied the Professor.

"Then why are you going down to the pond?" asked Knarf. "Are you going to sail a boat?"

A Microscope

The Professor smiled as he held up an empty bottle. "I'm going down to the pond to fill this up with water, Knarf."

"Why?" asked Knarf.

"We'll take the water back to my house," the Professor explained, "then we'll look at it through a microscope."

Knarf had a puzzled expression on his face. Hanid whispered to him: "The Professor is a very smart man. If he says, it's a good idea to fill a bottle with pond water, that's I'm sure it is a good idea."

By this time they had reached the pond. Knarf took off his shoes and stockings and, though he still didn't see much sense in it, he did as the Professor said and filled the bottle with water. Then they went home.

"There are lots of little creatures swimming about in this bottle," the Professor said several times.

Knarf kept grumbling to Hanid. "There's nothing in it but empty water, nothing swimming around in it. I can't see anything."

When they reached the Professor's room there on the table near the window stood a curious instrument. It looked like a brass tube with a piece of glass at the top and a piece of glass at the bottom.

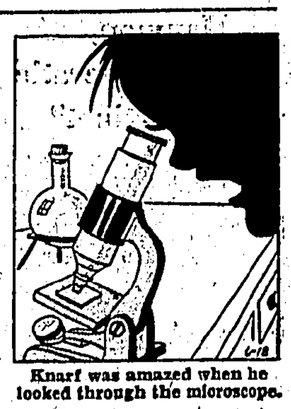
"That's the microscope," Hanid whispered to Knarf. "When you look through it, everything seems to be bigger than it really is."

The Professor had taken a single drop of water out of the bottle with a glass rod and placed the drop of water on a glass plate about the size of a postage stamp. This being done, he placed the glass plate under the microscope.

"Now take a look at what's swimming in that drop of water," he said to Knarf and Hanid.

A Little Slipper

Knarf put his eye to the microscope and looked in. "I'm sure there's nothing in that drop of water," he started mumbling to himself. "How could anything be small enough to swim



Knarf was amazed when he looked through the microscope.

about in a drop! There's nothing there. There can't be—"

Suddenly Knarf gasped. "There are things swimming around! Hundreds of things! There's something that looks like a slipper with little oars all around it, pushing it all around! There's something else that looks like a glob of jelly that keeps sticking out arms and legs in all directions and pulling them in again. There are little things that keep rolling around like balls!"

When Hanid looked through the microscope, she was just as amazed as Knarf was.

"Just think!" Knarf said to Hanid later; "just think of all those creatures swimming around in a tiny drop of water! I bet they think that tiny drop of water is a great enormous place . . . just as big as we think the whole world is."

"It's their world," Hanid said. "It's just a tiny drop of water and, yet, it's their whole, great, big world."

Rupert and Dinkie—5



Rupert tries to make his pals believe him. "Oh, I believe you well enough," says Pong-Ping firmly. "Vanishing animals, that's what it is. I had plenty of that sort of magic when I was in China, and I don't want any more. I'm off!" He marches away and . . .

Freddy, who has become nervous at what has been said, soon follows him. "Well," thinks Rupert, "I'm sure there was something there. What was that about Chinese magic? I wonder if . . ." He pauses as he thinks of something.

(To be continued)

WEEK-END BOWLS

SEEMIN VERSUS SLOAN BEST OF YESTERDAY'S OPEN TRIPLES MATCHES

By "TOUCHER"

Three favoured combinations from Craigengower Cricket Club, Indian Recreation Club and Kowloon Cricket Club made their way into the semi-final round of the Colony Open Triples Lawn Bowls Championship as the result of yesterday's quarter-final matches at Kowloon Bowling Green Club.

The fourth semi-finalist berth will go to either the Craigengower three of George Hong Choy, F. O. Madar and S. Leonard or the Recreio combination of A. A. da Silva, C. C. Pereira and C. A. Danenberg, depending on the outcome of their game on Tuesday.

Best of yesterday's three matches turned out to be the tussle between last year's giant-killers, C. K. Sung, C. C. Ma and A. H. Seemin, and the Hongkong Football Club trio of P. Gardner, K. Forrow and J. K. Sloan.

Both sides were playing below their usual form and it was not until the last few heads that a good standard was reached.

The Craigengower three, after being held to 5-5 at the end of the 5th head, forged ahead to 10-5 with a five on the next head and went ahead to 17-9 when the tide turned.

GOOD DRAWING

On the 12th head some good drawing by the Football Club bowlers enabled them to chalk up a three. They followed this up with a single.

On the 14th head Seemin, with an opposing lie of one toucher against him, hit the shot wood much too hard to give away a three.

With the score now standing 16-17, some good bowling was shown by the eventual winning lead, C. K. Sung, who drew in two good shots on the next head.

Ken Forrow, however, trailed the jack back almost two yards to lie four, only to see the opposing No. 2, C. C. Ma, draw in a perfect toucher for the shot. Forrow again trailed the jack for another yard to lie one and skip Sloan added another for a count of two.

Now trailing behind by 17-18, the CCC three came back with a two on the 16th head when Forrow failed to come into the count and Sloan found himself well blocked on both hands.

Some further good bowling was seen on the 17th head. C. K. Sung again drew two good shots, both about six inches in front of the jack. Gardner followed through for the shot, but Sung turned over his own wood with his last delivery to lie the shot.

C. C. Ma had the misfortune to take out his own shot wood with a rather heavy delivery, and Forrow added a second shot. Seemin was extremely lucky when he sliced the jack to the right side to lie one.

Sloan, however, came through with a fine shot when he played on his own front wood to rest the shot wood for a single to tie the score at 19-19 at the end of the 17th head.

MISUNDERSTANDING

A slight misunderstanding on the part of Ken Forrow, who was either under the impression that the head played was not the last or that he was leading by one shot, and an excellent shot by C. C. Ma were the main contributors to the winners' victory on the last head.

C. K. Sung drew in two shots about a yard behind the jack as Gardner went through with all his three woods. Forrow came in with the shot about two and half feet away from the jack. C. C. Ma was short with his first delivery but drew a clinging toucher with his second wood.

Seemin placed a back-wood on one side, which proved to be the winning wood eventually. Sloan failed to rest the shot wood with his first delivery and repeated it with his second on Forrow's advice to limit the count to one.

Realising later that this was the last head, Forrow called for a drive to burn the head. Sloan made a perfect drive only to have the misfortune of having the jack stopped by Seemin's backwood and leaving the jack almost touching the tape with a count of three against him.

CONVINCING WINS

On the other two rinks, convincing wins were scored by IRC's I. Ali, M. B. Hassan, and A. M. Omar and KCC's A. V. Lopes, E. R. Rosselet and C. R. Rosselet.

Although the eventual score was 7-27 against them, the Taikoo three of G. Stark, B. Douglass and J. B. Baxter deserve special mention for the fine bowls they put up and for the fine spirit shown by them at any stage of the game.

Extremely good bowls was served here, with Baxter especially prominent with some beautiful drawing to the jack.

The Indians, however, enjoyed distinct superiority in their resting and heavy shots which enabled them time and again to change the head into their favour.

In the third quarter-final match, Greenwood's three put up an excellent stand against Rosselet's three up to 7-8 on the 10th head, when they began to fall off. The KCC three went on to score 11 shots on six successive heads to hold a commanding 19-7 lead by the end of the 16th head and win comfortably by 20-8.

MANY AN UPSET

But for the fact that the Championship titles have been almost decided, the week-end League games might have made headlines with the number of major upsets produced.

The First Division games saw no fewer than three major upsets, but Recreio "Blues" were able to keep their heads well above the water to beat Police Recreation Club by 4-1 and thus retain the Championship for the fourth year in succession.

Kowloon Cricket Club's 4-1 defeat by IRC "Gold" has a slight bearing on the final standings as this leaves the race for the runners-up position fairly open now between KCC and Craigengower.

Recreio "Whites" also improved their position considerably by beating the IRC "Blues" by 4-1 and may be able to avoid relegation after all.

In the Second Division, Taikoo failed to make sure of the Second Division title by going down to USRC by 3-2 after winning on two rinks. They now need at least two points in their last match this Saturday against Craigengower Cricket Club, if they are not to be overtaken by Kowloon Docks.

Anything can happen as the Valley club have already beaten Taikoo in their first match by 4-1.

It will be rather ironical if the Valley club in the final stage of the Championship takes away the title from Taikoo and presents it to Kowloon Dock.

HOW THEY STAND

First Division

	P	W	D	L	Pts.
Recreio "Blues"	15	12	0	3	59
KCC	14	9	0	5	45
CCC	14	10	0	4	44½
KBGC	14	7	0	7	30½
IRC "Blues"	13	6	0	7	30½
PRC	12	6	0	6	27
Recreio "Whites"	14	3	0	11	23½
IRC "Gold"	14	4	0	10	21
FC	12	4	0	8	19

Second Division

TC	15	12	0	3 57½
KDC	15	13	0	2 54
CCC	15	9	0	6 44
HKFC	15	8	0	7 43
HKCC	15	8	0	7 30
USRC	15	6	0	10 25
KCC	15	7	0	8 25
FC	14	2	0	12 16½
PRC	15	3	0	12 12

Third Division

KDC	14	14	0	0 64
HKFRC	14	10	0	4 43
KBGC	15	8	0	7 40½
FOC	14	8	0	6 40
FC	13	8	0	5 36½
HKFC	15	5	0	10 25
KCC	14	4	0	10 22½
PRC	13	3	0	8 18½
USRC	15	3	0	12 15

U.S. TENNIS TOURNEY

American Pair Beaten In Doubles Final

Brookline, Mass., Aug. 29.

The 23-year-old Japanese Davis Cup players, Kosei Kamo and Atushi Miyagi, yesterday won the United States National Doubles Tennis Championships. They defeated the American pair Jerry Moss and Bill Quillan 6-2, 6-3, 3-6, 1-6 and 6-4.

This is the first time a Japanese team has won the United States National Doubles Championship.

Only three countries besides the United States—Australia, Britain and Germany—have won the Doubles title.—France-Presse.

Holland-India Share Honours At Hockey

Amsterdam, Aug. 28.

Holland and India drew their Men's Hockey match in the stadium at Amstelveen today, the final score being one goal each.

At half-time, Holland led by 1-0.

Both goals were made from short corners. Holland took the lead through outsideright F. Hooghiemstra but Susai equalised for India in the second half. The Indian team showed sometimes more skill than the Dutch.

The final score, however, rather accurately reflected the strength of the teams. The match was played in hot summer weather before a crowd of about 6,000 spectators.—China Mail Special.

Hopman, An "Undemocratic Martinet"

Forest Hills, N.Y., Aug. 28.

Ted Harris, broadcasting the Davis Cup matches to Australia for the McQuarry network, today charged non-playing captain Harry Hopman with being an "un-democratic martinet."

Harris was incensed because Hopman refused to let him conduct a personal interview with the victorious Australian players.

"We believe in democracy in Australia and the boys should have been permitted to say hello to their friends and families in Australia," he asserted, adding: "Hopman is an un-democratic martinet."—United Press.

Russia's Olympic Rowing Champion Beaten By Pole

Ghent, Aug. 28.

Russia, entered for all seven events, reached four finals and won three titles today when the European Rowing Championships were concluded over a 2,000 metres course on the New Canal here.

In the other final for which they had survived—the single Sculls—Juri Tukalov, Russia's Olympic Champion of 1952, was beaten by Teodor Kocerka (Poland), winner of the Diamond Sculls at Henley this year.—China Mail Special.

Rain Interrupts Professional Lawn Tennis

Berlin, Aug. 28.

In the international tennis tournament for professionals being held here, Ken McGregor of Australia was leading Fred Perry of England 7-5, 6-3 today when a thunderstorm and heavy downpour forced postponement of the rest of the match until Monday.

Richard Gonzales of the U.S. was leading Pancho Segura of Ecuador 6-2 when their match was interrupted.—United Press.



DAVIS CUP

AUSTRALIA COMPLETES 5-0 SWEEP OVER U.S. BY WINNING REMAINING TWO SINGLES

Forest Hills, N.Y., Aug. 28.

Australia completed a 5 to 0 sweep of the Davis Cup today when Lew Hoad defeated Vic Seixas, 7-9, 6-1, 6-4, 6-4, and Ken Rosewall downed Ham Richardson, 6-4, 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, for the worst United States defeat for 20 years.

The two final matches, played before a sun-swept gallery of 10,000, were virtually exhibitions. The Aussies clinched the Cup emblematic of World Tennis supremacy yesterday as Hoad and Rex Hartwig beat Seixas and Tony Trabert in the Doubles, in the wake of respective Hoad and Rosewall victories over Trabert and Seixas in the opening Singles matches.

But even though the two final matches meant little, Seixas and the 22-year-old Richardson, subbing for the hand-blistered Trabert, were struggling grimly to avert a shutout. They simply weren't equal to the task at hand.

Thus, when it was over, the Aussies had handed the Americans their first shutout since Great Britain white-washed Don Budge, Wilmer Allison and John Van Ryn in 1935.

Vice-President Richard Nixon already had presented the huge silver trophy to the Aussies before Richardson stalked out into the horseshoe stadium in an attempt to prevent the shutout.

Making his first Challenge Round start after five years on the team, Richardson couldn't handle the slender 20-year-old whom the Australians call "the little master."

BOOMING SERVICE

Rosewall was held off for a while by Richardson's booming service, but when it faltered in the 9th game of the first set, he went to the net to shatter Ham's delivery and run it out, 6-4.

Richardson rallied to take the second set, losing service in the 5th game on brilliant passing shots but breaking back in the 6th and 8th games by storming the net to grab it off, 6-3.

The Aussie put away the third set quickly, breaking Richardson in the 2nd and 6th games for a 6-1 margin. Both times he did it with rifle-like passing shots and unerring lobs.

There were five service breaks in the fourth set, but Rosewall had three of them with some of the most amazing sharp-shooting ever seen at Forest Hills. His backhand passing shots murdered the 22-year-old slugger from Baton Rouge as he wrapped the final set of the 44th annual Challenge Round, 6-4.—United Press.

HOAD vs SEIXAS

In the opening set today, Hoad was not as sharp as he had been in his previous Singles against Tony Trabert, but his service continued to be most potent. Seixas, too, served with plenty of sting in this set and was more sure off the ground than the Australian.

Games went with service until Seixas broke through in 15th game to lead 8-7. Hoad had held on to duece, but Seixas won the next two points—the first with a neat lob and the second when Hoad netted a drive.

The American survived a closely fought 16th game, which three times went to deuce, to take the first set at 9-7.

In the second set, Hoad broke through in the Fourth game when Seixas double faulted. The Australian was showing improved form and raced through the next three games of the set at 6-1.

With Seixas lapsing into errors under Hoad's relentless pressure, the Australian broke service in the opening game of the third set and quickly went to 4-0 before Seixas won a service game.

The American pulled up to 4-5 and received wild applause for his effort, but Hoad clinched the set in the tenth game.

Hoad, in fine form at the net and overhead, gained the match winning service break in the ninth game of the fourth set and then served out the match, hitting a superb volley placement on match point.—Reuter.

BASEBALL RESULTS

New York, Aug. 28.

Major League baseball scores today were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	R	H	E
Washington	8	9	0
Cleveland	2	5	0

Stone, Stobbs (3) and Courtney; Houtteman, Maglie (5), Feller (8) and Hegan. WP—Stobbs (3-11). LP—Houtteman (9-7). HR—Courtney (3rd).

2nd Game

	R	H	E
Washington	13	15	1
Cleveland	4	6	1

McDermott (6-8) and Courtney; Houtteman, Maglie (5), Feller (8) and Hegan. LP—Houtteman (9-7). HR—Smith (19th), Kiner (15th).

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	R	H	E
New York	6	10	0
Chicago	1	7	0

2nd Game

	R	H	E
New York	2	8	0
Chicago	3	9	1

Turley, Larsen (7) and Berra; Pierce, Howell (7) and Lollar. WP—Pierce (12-8). HR—Kennedy (5th).

Boston	14	13	1
Kansas City	2	9	2

—United Press.

Must The Empire Games Halt For Greyhound Racing?

By PAT REEKIE

It made my blood boil—this statement issued by the Organising Committee of the Sixth Empire Games and the Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Company Ltd:

"Negotiations between the organisaton committee of the 1958 Empire Games and the Arms Park (Cardiff) Greyhound Company Ltd. are proceeding with a view to using Cardiff Arms Park as the principal stadium for the athletic events in the Games without interfering with the continuity of greyhound racing."

Cardiff has been given the honour of staging the 1958 Empire Games, but, apparently, nothing must stop the Welshman from going to the dogs.

Put in those terms it is scandalous. The nations of the Commonwealth—black, brown, yellow and white—will descend upon Cardiff in 1958 from the four corners of the earth.

OWNED BY RU

What impression are they going to take away—that the Welsh are a nation who put above all the ideals of brotherhood of man through international sport a peculiar brand of animated roulette called greyhound racing?

Arms Park, which is where Cardiff Rugby Football Club play, is part-owned by the Welsh Rugby Union.

Greyhound racing normally takes place there every Monday and Saturday evening and the average attendance at these meetings is in the region of 3,000 to 5,000.

The Arms Park can accommodate up to 55,000 spectators at the moment, and when the old stand is enlarged as is being done it will accommodate a further 5,000 to 10,000.

The Greyhound Company are, naturally as little anxious to suspend operations as other business concerns would be. But such suspension need not be disastrous.

In 1948, when Wembley staged the Olympic Games, greyhound racing was suspended there for four weeks—a week before the games, two weeks during the games, and one week afterwards.

Speedway racing, which at that time was attracting to Wembley crowds of up to 80,000, was suspended for the first half of the season while the running track was being laid.

WIDER INTEREST

No disaster befell Wembley through the suspension of these activities. In the Empire Games, the athletic events will take one week instead of two.

Cardiff Greyhound Racing Company, though a business concern, are, after all, a sporting body, making their money honestly enough out of sport.

Athletics may not be their sort of sport but they should be prepared to forfeit something in the wider interest of sport in general.

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HOAD HAS NO OFFER TO TURN PROFESSIONAL

Melbourne, Aug. 28.

Mr Norman Strang, Vice-President of the Australian Lawn Tennis Association, predicted here today that Australia would hold the Davis Cup for at least the next two years.

Mr Strang, who was commenting on Australia's victory over the United States, the holders, in New York on Saturday, said Queensland had a strong claim to stage the 1956 Davis Cup Challenge Round.

"If Lew Hoad receives a tempting offer and turns professional, Australia has a number of up-and-coming players to take his place," he added.

Hoad's father said in Sydney today that Hoad had not received any offer to turn professional. He said he did not think his son planned any such change — "not yet at any rate." — China Mail Special.

Austrian Soccer Team To Visit India

Calcutta, Aug. 28.

An Austrian soccer team will visit Calcutta in the middle of next month to play two exhibition matches, a spokesman of the Indian Football Association said to-day.

The spokesman said, that the Austrians would break a journey to the Far East for the two Calcutta games.—Reuter.

PROFESSIONAL CYCLING

Belgium Snatches Brilliant Win At The Finish

Frascati, Italy, Aug. 28.

Constant Ockers of Belgium snatched a brilliant victory from crack French and Italian rivals here today to win the World Professional Road Cycling Championship.

The New Champion rode furiously to make up a ten-minute deficit in the final four laps of the gruelling 14-lap event, totalling 182 miles.

He caught a small bunch of leaders just before the finish and left them more than a minute behind to win comfortably.

Jempy Schmitz of Luxembourg was second and Germain Derjudke of Belgium third.

So gruelling were the conditions that only 19 of the 65 starters finished the course of 182 miles, made up of 14 laps each of 13 miles.

Many star road racers dropped out notably.

The blazing sun added to the difficulties during the gruelling journey. Ocker's time was eight hours 43 minutes 39 seconds, 61 seconds ahead of Schmitz who, in turn was 14 seconds ahead of Derjudke.—Reuter.

Beach Carnival Midway Of Olympic Games

Melbourne, Aug. 27.

Australia's Lifesaving Clubs will combine to present a spectacular carnival on Sunday November 20, midway through the 1956 Olympic Games.

"They will stage the big show on Torquay beach, about 65 miles from Melbourne. Active Sydney surfing official Ken Watson, who recently flew to Melbourne to make plans with local officials, said he hoped international swimmers in Melbourne for the Games would participate. Watson described the extensive plans to remake the entire beach for the carnival, in which over 1,000 crack surfers and surf lifesavers would take part. Main events will be mock rescues, surf races, surfboard and surfski races, and the unique races with special surfboats battling the boomers.—United Press.



Nationalist China Basketball Team In Hongkong

A Chinese basketball team organised by the Chinese Nationalist Army, Air Force and Police arrived in the Colony from Taipei by CAT yesterday.

The team is headed by Mr Lan Pei-tan, Mr Yang Long, manager, and Mr Chia Tze-chun, the coach. They had been invited to Hongkong by the Kowloon and Hongkong Basketball Union.

The visitors are scheduled to play against local cagers on Monday and Tuesday.

Among the players were Tsai Bon-hua, captain, who represented China in the 1948 Olympics in London and a few who had played in the United States and Belgium.

The team established a fine record of successes in Saigon, Thailand and Singapore during their 1953 tour.

The team won the first Chiang Kai-shek Birthday Cup championships held in Taipei in 1952 against various teams from the Philippines, Hongkong, Macao and Malaya.

The team was selected from throughout Formosa by the Nationalist forces who were at that time sponsoring a "Overcome Difficulties" movement. Since then the team has taken on that name—"Hak Nan".

The visitors are scheduled to leave for Singapore on August 31 for several games and thence on to Bangkok. Later they are expected to return to Hongkong for a few more games before returning to Taipei.

South China Win Again At Singapore

Singapore, Aug. 28.

An "offside" goal, scored early in the game by outside-left Mok Chun-wah, enabled South China soccer tourists to defeat a Singapore Eleven before 8,000 spectators at the Jalan Besar Stadium this afternoon.

This was the visitors' second success in their current Singapore tour. They defeated the Singapore Chinese yesterday by three goals to one and will play their final game against the Sino-Malays tomorrow night.

In to-day's game, South China showed undoubtedly they were the better side but it was not smooth sailing for them. They were often under pressure but their defence was good.

South China gave Singapore a scare in the third minute when Mok Chun-wah broke through the defence and beat the onrushing goalkeeper, Fook Teng, but his drive hit the crossbar and rebounded into play.

The visitors scored their first goal in the eighth minute when Mok Chun-wah scored off the opening by Lee Yuk-tak.—Reuter.

THIRD TEST

Only One Change In Springboks' Rugger Team

Pretoria, Aug. 27.

South Africa have made only one change in the side which beat the British Isles in the second international in their team announced tonight for the Third Test here next Saturday.

Coenraad Federik Strydom, the Free State scrum-half, replaces Tommy Gentles of Western Province.

"Popeye" Strydom, a 23-year-old clerk, is only five feet six inches in height and weighs 10 stone seven pounds.—China Mail Special.

SOVIET SOCCER

Moscow, Aug. 28.

Dynamo football team today improved their chances of winning the Soviet Championship, when according to the Soviet news agency, Tass, they beat Central House of the Soviet Army by 4-0.

Dynamo now lead with 32 points from 20 games with two other Moscow teams, Spartak (26 from 17) and Central House of the Soviet Army (26 from 18) in second and third positions.—China Mail Special.

PAT LESSER WINS WOMEN'S GOLF

Charlotte, N.C., Aug. 27.

Miss Pat Lesser of Seattle University won the United States Women's Open Amateur Golf championship here to-day.

In the 36 holes final, she beat Miss Jane Nelson, an Indianapolis schoolteacher, by seven and six.—Reuter.

21 MILES TO GLORY

THEY CAN'T RESIST THE CHALLENGE OF THE TREACHEROUS TIDES

By VICTOR SIMS

A British merchant seaman who paddled and splashed his way across the English Channel on a bale of straw in 1864 really started something.

Across that same uninviting 21-mile stretch of water the world's marathon swimmers have since been trying their luck and their skill . . . without straws to hang on to.

What makes them do it—apart from wanting to get to the other side? Is it for experience? Is it a form of exhibitionism? Or is it for the cash prize offered.

GIRL'S DREAM

Money isn't often the incentive—though it may come your way, as it did to 17-year-old Marilyn Bell, Canadian schoolgirl who last month became the youngest-ever Channel conqueror.

Gifts of clothes, furniture, pet dogs, radios, television sets, wrist-watches and cheques for thousnads of pounds have been showered on her by admirers.

Famous names of the past have been giving me their reasons for tackling that brutal stretch with its tough tides and treacherous currents.

One girl who tried three times, but didn't get there, is Dutch-born Willy Groes van Rysel, now the wife of Mr Edward H. Temme, who swam the Channel both ways.

"As a girl of 17 I dreamed that I could swim forever," she recalls. "I thought I could master the Channel.

"For two years I went to bed at nine o'clock, cut out parties, cinemas, smoking and drinking, and spent my life savings of £300 to make my dream come true."

But in dense fog, and only 400 yards from Shakespeare Cliff, she was forced to give up. She has not tried since.

Lion-hearted Philip Mickman, burly son of an Ossett (Yorks.) mill-owner—he completed the Channel "double" when he was 21—was "dared" by his school chums.

Says he: "It was not merely the leg-pulls that spurred me on. It was a case of prestige for my country and Yorkshire."

People still gasp in amazement when wispy, eight-stone, five-foot-one Eileen Fenton, a Dewsbury schoolmistress, is pointed out to them as the winner of the 1950 cross-Channel race.

"Did she really do it?" they ask. Pocket-sized Eileen, who beat choppy, chilly seas with one arm after pulling a shoulder muscle, recalls:

"The desire to swim across grew with me . . . just as a cricketer wants to make a century. My weight? Some long-distance swimmers say weight keeps you warm, but I say a good circulation is more necessary."

FRANTIC SIGNALS

The drama of Phil Rising's Channel swim is still fresh in his mind. The 46-year-old Rotherham jeweller, ploughing through a rough sea, lost all contact with his boat and had no solid food for 11 hours.

"I can remember the frantic signals from the boat as it was swept away from me," he recounts. "I was almost half conscious, hearing nothing but the swish of the water past my ears." It took him 15hr. 55min. from Gris Nez to Dover.

"For me," he says, "it was largely a matter of satisfaction at achievement. The more difficult it was, the better!"

Sam Rockett, 17-stone ex-factory foreman, and this year's "swim marshal," has written a book about the Channel swimmers of the past—the brave, the dogged, the star personalities and the hoaxers. He calls it It's Cold in the Channel.

Says Sam, who covered the distance in 14hrs. 30min.: "It's no use just being a good swimmer. You must have determination and the will to work.

"Like climbing a mountain, there must be one objective in view. There's no easy way, with all the luck in the world, to win the blue riband of swimming."

Strangest of all Channel swims was that by Mr Charles Zibelman, a legless American, in 1933.

"Zimmy the Human Fish," as they called him, wanted to smoke 50 cigars on the way over from Dover.

After being in the water nearly 12 hours he was stung on the lip by a jellyfish and had to retire.

He is still believed to be the holder of the world's record for on endurance swim. At Honolulu in 1932 he remained in the water for 100 hours 15 seconds.

The English Channel has an irresistible lure for paddlers, bathers and . . . leg-pullers. One of the most successful of the leg-pullers was Dr Dorothy Logan, a gynaecologist, who in 1927 claimed that she swam the Channel. She said on oath that she did it without any physical assistance or being towed in any way.

It was true that she did spend 25 hours 20 minutes in the water. But she later confessed that she had hoaxed Britain and the world.

SMOKED CIGARS

She admitted that three miles from the French coast she was taken from the water on to a fishing smack. She stayed on board until daylight, and was then put back into the sea to finish the swim.

Dr Logan appeared before the General Medical Council to explain her hoax. She had pleaded guilty to an offence against the Perjury Act by making a statutory declaration that her swim was not a hoax. She had won a £1,000 prize, but she returned the money.

She had only tried, she explained to support the desire of Channel swimmers to have their sport recognised on an official basis, and to prove the need for supervision.

In 1875 Captain Paul Boynton wrapped himself in waterproof material, attached a sail to his body and padded his way from Dover to Boulogne. He smoked cigars for relaxation and blew hard on a military trumpet.

HYSTERICAL

A fanfare of trumpets, too, greeted 17-year-old schoolgirl Shirley May France, in 1949. American film makers, watchmakers, newspapers, and a broadcasting company sponsored her.

In spite of the ballyhoo—an escort of four motor-boats, two rowing boats, a pilot boat, a twin-masted schooner, a boatload of newsreelmen and two planes overhead—Shirley failed.

After ten hours she was picked from the water, exhausted and hysterical.

Music and champagne . . . that was the Channel-beating recipe of a 35-year-old Belgian, Fernand du Moulin. Boogie-woogie and sambas were played to him from a trawler. He romped home to the strains of a Beethoven symphony.

The most magnificent attempt? Many agree that it was made by a Paraguayan swimmer. After starting in calm weather a fierce wind whipped up the waves, and at dusk he was struggling.

Fellow-countrymen in the boats urged him on. They promised him more money. He struck on and on, but appeared to lose his sense of direction.

FIGHTING MAD

At last they had to pluck him from the water. He kicked and struggled, knocking one of his helpers overboard in pitch darkness. He was fighting mad and wanted to go on. But by that time he was a hospital case.

And the most tragic? Last year Mr Ted May—"Mr All-Alone" they called him — left his Dartford home, intending to be the first to swim from France to England unescorted.

In red-striped black trunks, a compass on his wrist, the 44-year-old steelworker and father of nine children plunged into the sea.

He towed a rubber tube, carrying sugar, biscuits and rum on a board lashed across it. Red and white lights shone from the raft.

They disappeared, and Ted May with them. His body was washed up on the Dutch coast three weeks later.

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Former Hongkong Tennis Player Beaten In Finals

Klagenfurt, Austria, Aug. 28.

Erica Vollmer of West Germany defeated Gem Hoa Hing, formerly of Hongkong, by 3-6, 7-5 and 6-1 in the Finals of the Women's Singles match played at the International Tennis tournament in Poertschach today.

In the Mixed Doubles Final, Miss Vollmer and Miss Huber of Austria, beat Zabrodsky of Czechoslovakia and Miss Gem Hoa Hing by 6-3 and 7-5.—France-Presse.

DID YOU KNOW THAT . . . ?

First man to do it was Captain Webb in 1875 (Eight years later he was drowned trying to swim the Niagara Falls).

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First woman: Gertrude Ederle, daughter of a New York butcher, in 1926.

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Fastest swim: Hassan Abd-el Rehim, Egypt, 10hr. 52min. in 1950.

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Slowest: H. Sullivan, America, in 27hr. 23min. in 1923.

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Most distinguished man to attempt it: General Freyburg, the New Zealand V.C.

HUNGARY FORGIVE BRAZIL THE WORLD CUP 'BATTLE'

By ROY PESKETT

Hungary will play Brazil in Rio de Janeiro next April. Which means the Hungarians have forgiven the Brazilians for the "Battle of Berne" during the 1954 World Cup.

In that quarter-final, three players were sent off, and after the game the Brazilian players invaded their opponents' dressing room where there was a battle with bottles and boots.

Then the Hungarian FA placed an "unofficial" 10-year ban on matches between the countries.

First official action was to cancel the tour arranged for last autumn, but following a purge of officials in the Brazilian FA, to bring in men with a more "sporting outlook," agreement has been reached, and club tours also are expected to be resumed.

Mr Gustav Sebes, the Hungarian team boss, who refused to take charge of the Rest of Europe team, winners over Great Britain in Belfast, yet flew over to watch the game, is to take Hungary on a tour of the Far East later in the year.

This is typical of the Hungarians' long-range planning for an important game. In this case, the object is the Olympic Games in Melbourne in November, 1956.

Hungary will play four games in Australia, three by floodlight in Brisbane, Newcastle and Sydney, and the other in daylight at Melbourne.

And this last game will be used as a test of conditions for the Games 12 months later.

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Springboks Cut British Isles Touring Team To Ribbons At Newlands

By ROY McKELVIE

South Africa's retaliation for their defeat in the first Rugby Test, three weeks ago, was cruelly decisive. Before a patriotic crowd exceeding 50,000, they cut the British Isles touring team to ribbons at Newlands and in the process scored seven tries.

A sound goal kicker must have sent the score soaring beyond the 25 points the Springboks gained. They had ten unsuccessful kicks at goal, taken by Roy Dryburgh or Johan Claassens. Most of these were not difficult.

The final score was two goals, five tries to South Africa; two tries, one penalty goal to British Isles, and all but one of South Africa's tries were scored in the second half.

South Africa deserve the utmost praise for their achievement. It was the result of clever team changes and brilliant tactical thinking. The score alone—South Africa's biggest ever against a British touring team—shows that their approach was entirely positive. And not all their seven tries were the result of grossly bad defence by the British Isles.

LESSONS

This makes the prospect of the third Test, at Pretoria, the more exciting, providing the British Isles assimilate the lessons of this match.

First, I would say that the slightly greasy state of Newlands ground, compared with the hard fast pitch at Ellis Park, reduced the speed over the ground of the British Isles backs just enough to take away one of the great advantages they have enjoyed on this tour so far.

On the day the South Africans were the faster side, able to exploit the British Isles backs' weakness in switching from moving forward to retreating in face of placed kicks or thrusting counter-attack.

It was probably the first time on this tour that the British Isles had been forced to think behind them rather than in front.

BAD GUESS

And the approach of the touring team to this match was over-confident. It was an error we must hope they will not make again in this Test series.

Then, the British Isles wrongly anticipated South Africa's tactics.

They expected the Springboks to play tighter than in the first match, in order to avoid defeat, and therefore chose the heaviest possible pack without a speedy back row.

Russell Robins, Tom Reid, and Jimmy Greenwood did tremendous work in the tight scrummaging and in helping to deny the Springboks the ball from the rucks, but they afforded no lateral defence against swift-moving attacks.

This put added strain on the defensive qualities of midfield men. Cliff Morgan found himself less able to concentrate on attack and getting his line moving.

During the second-half onslaught by the Springboks, the tackling of Phil Davies, Jeff Butterfield, and even of wingers Gareth Griffiths and Tony O'Reilly deteriorated disastrously.

Full-back Angus Cameron had a nightmarish day, and was responsible for three Springbok tries. His value as a goal-kicker was low, and his lack of speed sadly evident in face of kicks brilliantly planned to keep him on the move.

Early in the second half the couriers broke, and the Springboks came through on error after error, meeting hopeless tackling.

THE SCORES

Tries were scored for the British by Jeff Butterfield and Bryn Meredith, Cameron kicking one penalty goal. South Africa's tries were by Von Vollenhoven (3), Rosenberg, Dryburgh, Briers, and Ackerman, Dryburgh converting two.

British Isles.—A. Cameron; A. J. O' Reilly, W. P. C Davies, J. Butterfield, G. Griffiths; C. I. Morgan, R. E. G. Jeeps; W. O. Williams, B. V. Meredith, C. C. Meredith, R. H. William, R. H. Thompson (capt.), R. J. Robins, T. E. Reid, J. T. Greenwood.

South Africa.—R. Dryburgh; T. Briers, W. Rosenberg, D. Sinclair, K. van Vollenhoven; C. Ulyate, T. Gentles; C. Koch, A. van der Merwe, J. Bekker, S. Fry (capt.) J. Durand, D. Ackerman, J. Claassens, D. Retief.

Sweden Beats Finland 3-0 At Soccer

Stockholm, Aug. 28.

Sweden beat Finland by three goals to nil in a soccer international at Helsingborg, Southern Sweden, today after leading by one goal at halftime.

A capacity crowd watched the match, played in intense heat.

Kajan Sandelli and Bengt Lindskog scored the goals.—Reuter.

How To Be Happy In Moscow

By GEORGE WHITING

Sightseeing round the Kremlin with Wolverhampton Wanderers may or may not be the best way to see Moscow, but, since I returned, so many people have quizzed me on the subject of tourist possibilities that a few hints may not come amiss.

First, money. It's murder. For seven nights in Moscow Wolverhampton Wanderers supporters paid an average of £180 per head for return air fares, hotel accommodation and sightseeing excursions.

Of this sum about £52 comes out of your £100 foreign currency allowance for the year, leaving a maximum of £48 spending money.

This sounds pretty reasonable, until you come to battle with an artificial exchange rate of just over 11 roubles to the £. A rouble costs the tourist just under 2s, whereas its purchase value in Moscow is about 5d.

On these lines a bottle of drinkable vodka will cost you £3. Cheaper brands are not recommended, unless you have a taste for liquid explosives. Beer will set you back anything up to 15s. a bottle. Teetotallers can get away with coffee at about 3s. a cup.

COUPONS

Coupons issued in London provide you with meals, but I fear the Russians—taking their cue from other tourist countries—are developing a racket in the victualling department.

When I was there last October, my food coupons entitled me to "Go through the card," making my selections from a whole bookful of hors d'oeuvre, meats, fish and desserts. Caviare, the big attraction, came on your coupon as often as you wished. Only drinks were "extra."

This time in the same hotel, I found they had acquired what I call the boarding-house philosophy.

At every meal, your waitress would ask: "Coupon or roubles?" If the former, you get a set menu typed in passable English, but offering no alternative selections. If you wanted "the book" you paid cash. Caviare was on coupons for only one meal a day.

The soups are excellent, the meat tasty but tough, the fish salty.

Your sightseeing excursions, also on coupons, offer fair value. They begin with a ride in a big chauffeur-driven car on the 20-mile run from the airport to your hotel. Subsequently you can take in the Kremlin, Lenin's tomb, Moscow University, Gorki Park, a river trip, and the usual window-shopping expeditions.

The shops—drab affairs by our standards, but dressed up considerably since my first visit—will not offer you much even if you can afford it.

SOUVENIRS

A set of miniature view-cards, worth about a shilling here, cost me 19s. The big souvenir line, decorative wooden trinket-boxes made in the village of Palikhe, are beyond the pocket of most tourists at from £5 upwards.

Clothes? Forget them. To my unlustored eye they looked shabby and years behind the times. And the whole of your £48 would just about buy you a pair of trousers.

Your airplane trip will differ from Western flights. You enter on the starboard side of the aircraft, instead of the port. Your stewardess, soberly clad in dark blue, will retire into her own little hutch and stay there.

The Russians do not wait for you to present your credentials in the airport. Immigration officials climb aboard and collect your passports before you leave the airplane and, if you are in transit, you do not get them back until you resume your seats.

You have to declare all currency when you enter the country, and you are not permitted to bring any Russian money out with you.

Here again, however, the new tourist drive is apparent. Nine months ago I found the currency rules meant what they said. This time a courteous Intourist agent in Leningrad allowed me to keep a few souvenir roubles and actually changed my grubby notes for clean ones.

Customs officers ask you to fill in declaration forms with English translations on entering and leaving the country, but on neither of my visits was I asked to open my baggage.

In fact, the Russians send you away in good heart. On our last morning in Moscow, a colleague and I had a limousine apiece (on coupon) to the airport. I was served breakfast in bed, and had a maid come in to see that I had left nothing unpacked.

Night life is hard to come by, especially when, as now, the famous Russian ballet company is on holiday. The puppet theatre is closed; I was told it had gone broke. Cinemas are few, and without Western subtitles.

NIGHT LIFE

Night clubs, which I did not seek, are reputed not to exist. Pubs, which I did seek, are certainly non-existent.

There are concerts in Gorki Park, where you may also dance. Sport abounds, especially on Sundays, and your hotel service bureau will get you in at events for which the Muscovites have been queueing unsuccessfully for days. Nearly everybody you meet in the streets is a soccer fan.

Please yourself about tipping. Russian waiters, porters and taxi-drivers are far more obliging than their British counterparts and I found, will only accept tips if nobody is looking.

Finally, I would suggest that tourists do not stare when they see women working in the streets or on buildings; do not tell the Russians they are heathens; do not make jokes about the Lenin-Stalin tomb; do not shout; do not abuse; do not get agressively drunk.

Not to commit such errors of taste is a simple courtesy from guest to host. But I have seen and heard every one of these gaffes committed by foreign tourists in Moscow.

The British, I am glad to say, behaved themselves.

—(London Express Service.)

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Unusual Boxing Injury Ends Heavyweight Bout

Stockholm, Aug. 28.

Ansell Adamas, Trinidad Heavyweight, who mainly fights in Britain, suffered a broken arm here tonight in a bout against Aldo Pellegrini, of Italy.

The unusual boxing injury forced him to give up the fight at the beginning of the fifth round, and Pellegrini was declared the winner.

Adamas' arm was broken in a fierce exchange of blows with the Italian. He was grimacing with pain in the fourth round, but gallantly went on with the fight until the pain became too severe to bear.—China Mail Special.

RACING FATALITY

Buenos Aires, Aug. 28.

Racing driver Juan Puertas and co-driver Jose Guma, both Argentinians, were killed today when their car crashed while taking part in the 1,000 Mile Argentine race for standard touring cars.—China Mail Special.



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Dated the 27th day of August, 1955.

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North Africans Work Protection Racket On Paris Cafes

Paris, Aug. 28.

Police have begun an intensive comb-out of the Paris slums in a bid to hunt down the authors of a protection racket among the 130,000 North Africans living in the French capital.

They believe that the illegal Algerian Nationalist party, the Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Liberties, is responsible for almost nightly attacks on Arab cafes and hotels whose owners refuse to contribute to the cause of the rebels who are defying 100,000 French troops in the Algerian mountains.

Gangs of Arabs have been telling them: "If you do not pay a monthly subscription to the party, you will regret it—and, what is more, so will your relatives back home."

Small Bar

Most of those approached pay up in order to be left in peace. The few who refuse usually receive such warnings as: "Your fellow Moslems disapprove of your habit of selling heathen wine during the feast of Ramadan. We shall call back later to collect your fine."

Ahmed Ben Moulik, who owns a small bar in the "Drop of Gold" slum district of Northern Paris, a haunt of pimps, prostitutes and peddlars of stolen goods, described one of these visits as follows:

"Just before closing time four 'customers' planted themselves in front of the counter and began gazing at me. I understood the purpose of their visit right away, but I did not even have time to reach for the telephone.

"They tied me up and hit me with bottles taken from the shelves behind the bar while others kept guard by the police call-box in the street outside.

"Then they grappled with the few customers who had not run out of the cafe and smashed all my glasses. Before they left, they said: 'If you have not understood now, you had better mind your step. We know you come from the village of Ichmoul. Something unpleasant might happen to your old mother there.'"

Ben Moulik's story of blackmail and violence is typical of dozens told by Arabs living on good terms with their European neighbours in the slums of northern Paris.

Idir Youyou, owner of another cafe, in the North African suburb of Saint Denis, sallied out one night armed with a revolver when 200 Arabs stormed down the street to collect his contribution to the nationalist cause.

He fired several shots into the air to frighten them off. In the fight which ensued between the gang and tenants living over the cafe, four attackers were injured and eight were arrested by police.

Spat At Him

Hamdoun Abdessalam, who refused to pay 100,000 francs (about £100) a month protection money to the nationalists was dining quietly with his French wife one evening when 16 North Africans broke into his cafe, beat him up and ransacked the premises.

"That will teach you to marry an infidel," the leader of the gang spat at him as he marched out with his followers.

The police are convinced that all these attacks are the work of the Algerian Nationalist party, the Movement for the Triumph of Democratic Liberties, which was banned by the French Government last November after a widespread outbreak of terrorism in Algeria on All Saints Day (November 1).

The leader of the party is 56-year-old Messali Hadj, a veteran agitator with a long, flowing white beard and bulging biceps which make him resemble both Santa Claus and Popeye. In a recent message to his followers from the French Atlantic coast, where he is under house arrest, he said: "In Algeria, the French must choose between packing their bags and ordering their coffins."

Messali once worked as a labourer at the Paris factory of the Renault motorcar firm. Among his workmates were Chou En-lai and Ho Chi-minh, later to become famous as the Communist rulers of China and North Vietnam respectively.

The police believe that the object of the raids is not only to fill the nationalists' coffers and to punish Arabs living on friendly terms with their French neighbours, but also to intimidate and win over to their cause the mass of semi-literate North Africans now living in France.

Of the 300,000 North Africans, most of them Algerians, now in France, about 170,000 provide French industry with a cheap labour force. The remainder live on the fringes of society as part-time labourers, unemployed, criminals and procurers.

Among the 130,000 living in Paris, only 30,000 are estimated to hold regular jobs. The rest provide an easy source of recruits for the organisers of terrorism, both in the Paris suburbs and North Africa.

Thousands of young North Africans flock to France each year to seek the jobs they cannot find at home. When they discover that it is almost as difficult to get employment here, they become a fertile breeding ground for discontent.

From his scanty wage, averaging a mere 16,000 francs (about £16) a month, according to official records, the North African, known contemptuously to his French workmates as the "Bicot" or "Nord-Af", almost invariably sends one half home to support his family.

The rest provides barely enough to feed and shelter him. Many fall victims to tuberculosis and malnutrition, and French hospitals are full of Moslem inmates who will never again hear the muezzin's call to prayer from the minarets of North Africa's mosques.

Hardest Hit

They are also among those hardest hit by France's housing shortage. The majority of them live in squalid shacks in the Paris suburbs and the big industrial cities of the north or spend their nights slumped over wooden tables in Arab cafes to save the price of a dingy hotel.

The authorities are tackling the problem of North African terrorism in France by raiding their headquarters in bars and restaurants where leading members of the Algerian Nationalist party cells hatch their plans to attack their pro-French compatriots.

In August, the police sealed off the entire "Drop of Gold" district to check the identity of all its residents after a riot there in which 4,000 Arabs besieged the police station and smashed 40 shop windows in a Saturday afternoon street battle.

But the problem is not merely political. As long as Arabs emigrate from their poverty-stricken homes in France's North African possessions to find new poverty here, it will remain unsolved. — China Mail Special.

Communists Welding United Front

Singapore, Aug. 28.

Recently captured Communist documents showed that the Malayan Communist Party since its peace offer two months ago has stepped up efforts to "weld a united front among workers, students and peasants of the colony," the police disclosed today.

Special Branch Director R. W. Calderwood said the documents also condemned the authorities for not accepting the Red offer to end the Malayan war.

The Reds at present are sending out agents to students with stories of brave men in China and the Malayan jungles. If the student shows interest he is given the Communist publication, The Long March. Then he is asked to support the Red cause by contributing one Malayan dollar a month. — United Press.



HM the Queen, the Duke of Edinburgh and Princess Margaret "lent a hand" at the sale of work organised by Queen Elizabeth, The Queen Mother, at Abergeldy Castle, near Balmoral, in aid of funds for building a vestry at Crathie Church where the Royal Family worship when on holiday at Balmoral. Picture shows: treasury notes being proffered by eager buyers, when HM the Queen took over one of the stalls today.—Express Photo.

Blood Transfusions

Port Elizabeth, Aug. 28.

Port Elizabeth housewives can now give blood transfusions between cups of tea at morning "parties" arranged by the Blood Transfusion Service. Many housewives found it inconvenient to be bled in the afternoon.

It has been decided to hold sessions every Thursday morning. Housewives can bring their knitting and babies, who will be looked after, and tea will be served.—China Mail Special.

YOUTH HOSTEL

Wellington, Aug. 28.

The biggest youth hostel in the Southern Hemisphere, the Sir Arthur Dudley Dobson Hostel at Arthur Pass in New Zealand's Southern Alps, is to be opened shortly.

It has taken 6,000 hours of voluntary labour to erect, cost £4,000 sterling and the charges are to be two shillings sterling a night for people over 18 years of age and one shilling for those under that age. — China Mail Special.

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HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS

Tomorrow the public counters at G.P.O. and C.P.O., Kowloon will open for public business from 9 a.m. to noon. The Sheungwan Post Office will open from 9 a.m. to noon for sale of postage stamps only and all other Branch Offices will be closed.

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There will be one delivery commencing at 10 a.m. and one collection from all pillar boxes.

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Indonesia, 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Safer Driving

Melbourne, Aug. 28.

Australia's Junior Chamber of Commerce will establish schools for teen-agers as part of a safe-driving campaign.

It will also paint red triangles at scenes of fatal accidents throughout Australia.

Safe-driving schools—to be called "Road-e-o's"—will instruct teen-agers nearing the age at which they may apply for driving licences.

Students will sit for examinations as tough as those set for lorry drivers.—China Mail Special.

'MURDERED' MAN TURNS UP

Alexandria, Aug. 28.

Identified by his mother and sister as the victim of a recent foul murder, after which four bedouins were arrested, the supposed dead man, Mohamed Ahmed Mustafa, reported to the Egyptian police some time later he was safe and sound.

In the early hours of the morning a fortnight ago, a coast-guard patrol discovered the body of a man near a hut at Dekheila beach, where several hundred thousand Allied troops were stationed during the last war. In a nearby village, lived an Arab woman who had reported the disappearance of her son since July 4. She and her daughter identified the body as that of her son Mustafa.

The woman added that her son had married Zakia Hafez, a beautiful bedouin girl whom he had left after a dispute over some alimony.

Zakia lived about 200 yards away from the hut with her two brothers, Ahmed and Mohamed Hafez. All three were arrested, along with another relative Mohamed el Naggar who was suffering from severe hand injuries.

Mustafa's mother accused the wife and brothers of being the authors of the crime, which she said was perpetrated for vengeance.

Meanwhile, a brother of the presumed victim was not so sure that the body was that of Mustafa and tried to reach him at a village near Rosetta in the Delta, where he was understood to have been working, to find out what had happened. Mustafa was found to be alive and carrying on his work as usual.

The four arrested persons were subsequently released.—China Mail Special.

JAPANESE WAR CRIMINALS

Reasonable Liberal Policy

Melbourne, Aug. 28.

Australia had communicated with most of the other countries concerned and they had agreed on a "reasonable liberal policy" towards the major Japanese war criminals, Mr Richard Casey, Australian External Affairs Minister, said today.

The United States had been given considerable freedom of action to discuss the issue of the criminals with Mr Mamoru Shigemitsu, Japanese Foreign Minister, when he starts talks with Mr Dulles, the American Secretary of State, tomorrow, said Mr Casey.

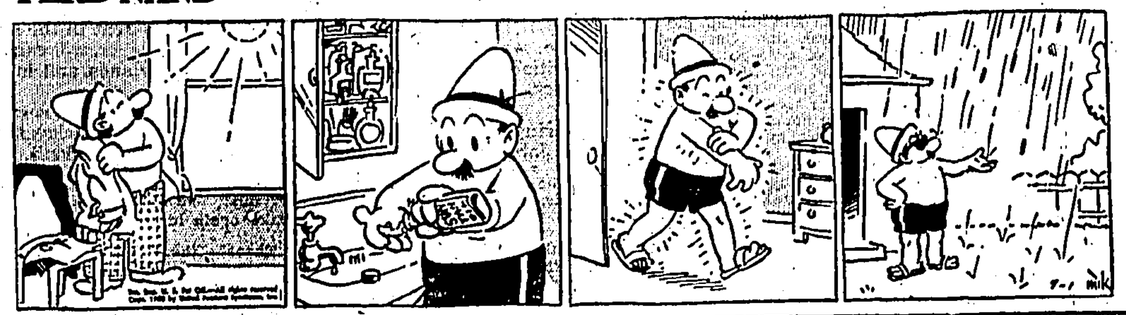
It was understood in Washington yesterday that a mass release of the 577 Japanese war criminals as a gesture to Mr Shigemitsu was out of the question.

Australia has 149 prisoners under its jurisdiction, the United States 210, the Netherlands 131, Great Britain 80 and the international military tribunal for the Far East seven. All are detained in Japan.—Reuter.

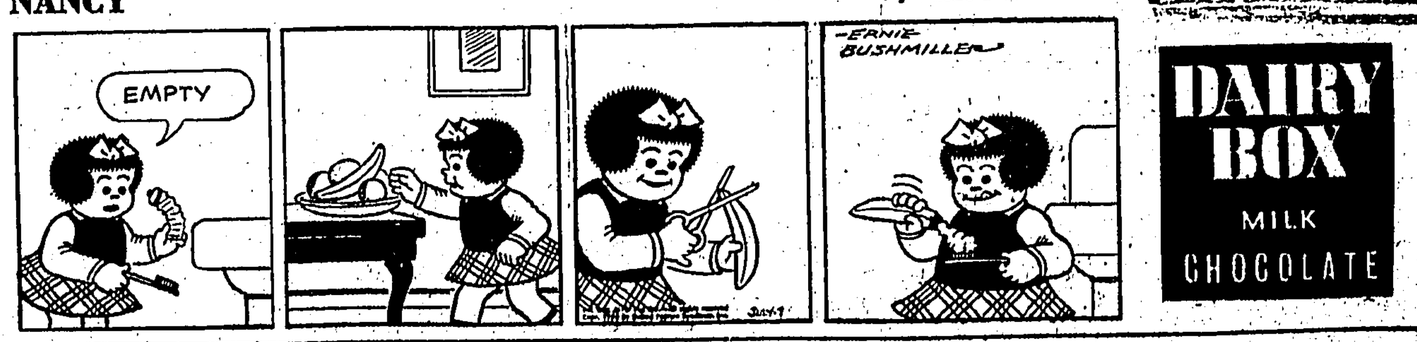
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TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

ROOT OF INFLATIONARY TROUBLES

Wage Rates Rose By Over 4 Million A Week In First Seven Months

From Ronald Boxall

London, Aug. 28.

News that wage rates in Britain rose by £4.2 million a week in the first seven months of this year leaves no doubt where the root of the present inflationary trouble lies.

Unfortunately no relief is yet in sight. If the present trend continues wages and salaries will rise this year by 11 per cent or more. But production is rising at only half that rate, so a further rise in industry's labour costs of something more than four per cent seems inevitable.

Economists have a term for the present situation. It is "wage-induced inflation." And it is selfperpetuating. For when even there is a significant rise in the cost of living (as there is after each new round of wage increases) organised labour demands—and gets—more pay to offset it. And so on and so on.

But the vast number of people have no such means of protecting themselves from the ever-rising prices. They are the people who work for a salary and who have no trade union to fight for them; professional men like doctors and lawyers who cannot raise their fees every time the cost of living goes up; and the host of elderly people who are living off the proceeds of fixed interest investments.

Falls Flat

The moral argument against inflation is unanswerable. But there are still many people who believe it is possible, not only to perpetuate inflation, but actually to benefit by it. After all, it is said, we haven't been free of inflation for ten years or more and we are better off even with unemployment down to practically nil.

This argument falls flat under closer examination. For inflation, no matter how mild, cannot go on indefinitely. Sooner or later it must raise Britain's costs so high that her industries could not possibly compete in the export markets. Without exports she could not buy food for her population or materials for her factories. The wheels would grind to a stop; Britain would be bankrupt.

The idea, is of course, unthinkable. Long before the situation got so far out of hand action would be taken to halt inflation—no matter who got hurt economically or politically in the process. But what is more likely is that this action will have to be taken sooner than many people think.

Economists point out that the reason inflation has not had catastrophic results up to now is two-fold. First, devaluation of the pound in 1949 left sterling undervalued in relation to other currencies and this meant that the British economy could go on inflating for a time without upsetting her external position. Secondly, other countries have also had inflation.

Re-Thinking

Now, however, British costs have largely caught up with the depreciation in sterling. And other countries have had more success in bringing inflation under control. Further rises in British costs will therefore do increasing serious damage to the country's balance of payments.

Clearly then something must be done. But what? The answer, according to one of Britain's best known economic writers is that there must be a fundamental re-thinking of the underlying problem.

Writing in the current issue of the National Provincial Bank Review, Sir Oscar Hobson says time may well be approaching —may indeed be close at hand —when political leaders will have to make the choice—either full employment or a stable pound and a stable cost of living. They cannot have both.

But the dilemma, he points out, is a fundamentally false one. "The choice is not between stability and single 'full employment' in any rational and reasonable meaning of the term. It is between stability and over employment, the crazy travesty of 'full employment' which now prevails."

Sir Oscar makes it perfectly clear that he is not advocating the return to the "bad old days." He does not want to see long queues outside labour exchanges. Indeed, it is because he does not want these things that he is so anxious to see inflation stopped once and for all. "Some small increase in the rolls of the unemployed there will be if conditions are tightened up," he writes. "But I doubt if it would be greater than that which we risk anyhow if we pursue our present course."

Can Be Stopped

He believes that inflation can be stopped by the use of the monetary weapon. He does not agree that the cost of bank accommodation has no bearing on businessmen's decisions to expand their stocks. They may protest that it makes no difference whether the banks charge four or five per cent. But Sir Oscar is convinced that they would change their tune if charges were raised to ten or twenty per cent.

But the monetary weapon can only do its work if the public allow it to. It cannot do so if there is a clamour for relaxation of the credit "squeeze" as soon as it shows signs of becoming effective. "Public opinion," says Sir Oscar, "must be convinced that inflation is a greater evil than a small amount of unemployment or else that 'full employment' is in greater danger of inflation if it goes on than if it doesn't. As soon as there is a clear will to stop inflation it can be stopped."

But who is to convince the public that they have more to fear from inflation than from the cure?

If Sir Oscar's opinion "a great responsibility will rest on the politicians, trade union leaders and the press—possibly on the trade unions most of all who will have to persuade the working man of the truth of the proposition—so obvious yet so difficult to believe—that a measure of prosperity is real wages and not money wages."—London Express Service.

N.Y. COTTON MARKET REVIEW

By William T. Plunkett

New York, Aug. 28.

Cotton futures this past week climaxed a series of rallies and declines with prices down as much as $1.25 a bale and the early 1956 deliveries at seasonal lows.

At Friday's close the list ruled 5 to 25 points, or 25 to 125 cents a bale lower than the preceding week.

Inability of the market to maintain mid-week rallies was coupled with continuing uncertainty over how the Government surplus of raw cotton will be disposed of ultimately, and whether the reconvened Congress will enact legislation to control production and possibly lower supports on future crops.

A mid-week show of firmness in new crop months reflected a retirement of speculative interests in the Oct.-Dec. deliveries when a leading spot firm became a buyer of those months against sales of around 10,000 bales, mostly in the March delivery.

The advantages gained then quickly melted with the renewed uncertainty about the surplus disposal and the generally favourable encouragement of the crop news.

Proximity of the market to the Government loan level was another steadying influence. December delivery closed the week at 33.68 cents a pound. Technicians pointed out that at the ten spot markets, the average price was 33.83 cents a pound.—United Press.

US COTTON MAY DIP SLIGHTLY

Washington, Aug. 28.

The Agriculture Department said today the US cotton supply may dip slightly in 1956 for the first time in five years.

The forecast, based on estimated supplies and probable consumption, was made in the Department's publication, The Cotton Situation.

The 1955-56 cotton supply is estimated at 23,900,000 bales, about 400,000 bales larger than in 1954-55 and the second largest since the World War II. The Department said consumption in 1955-56 may approach 13,000,000 bales compared with 12,010,000 bales in 1954-55.

Slightly Below

If these estimates hold, the Department said, the carryover of cotton on Aug. 1, 1956, the beginning of the marketing year, will be slightly below the 11,100,000-bale carryover on Aug. 1, this year. The carryover has increased each year since 1951, when it totalled 2,300,000 bales.

The estimated total supply for the 1955-56 crop year includes the starting carryover 11,100,000 bales, estimated on Aug. 1 at 12,600,000 bales. The 1955 crop is seven per cent smaller than the 1954 crop.

The Department said present indication are for a domestic mill consumption of "somewhat more" than 9,000,000 bales.—United Press.

The Bank Of England Statement

London, Aug. 28.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Aug. 24, reads as follows:

	Sterling
Note in circulation	1,785,312,624
Public deposits	11,450,000
Private deposits	301,448,237
Government securities	257,666,669
Other securities	45,231,811
Receipts	39,835,193
Ratio	12.2

—United Press.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY

Montreal, Aug. 28.—

The basic policy of Norris Roy Crump, the new boss of the Canadian Pacific Railway, can be summed up in a few sentences:

Railroads are more needed today than ever before — especially in Canada, which is expanding geographically as well as industrially. Their basic strength is low-cost movement of large volume in all terrains and in all weather. Their main job now is to obtain the freedom with which to exploit those advantages.

Mr Crump, who was elected President of the CPR early in May, has been in the railroad business since the age of 16, when he went to work for the company as a machinist's apprentice.

Today he bosses an empire.

His company, not only operates 17,000 route-miles of railway—making it the second longest railway system in the Americas—but also a chain of hotels in resorts across Canada.

In addition, the CRP has a fleet of passenger and freight vessels in foreign service on the Atlantic and along the west cost of Canada and Alaska a network of air routes reaching to Peru, Hongkong and Australia, nation-wide express and communication operations, and a fast-growing fleet of road-haul trucks. It has long advertised itself as the "world's greatest travel system."—United Press.

US COST OF LIVING INDEX

Washington, Aug. 28.

The Government's cost-of-living index rose three-tenth of one per cent in July, assuring one-cent hourly wage hikes for 650,000 General Motors and Ford workers and 200,000 in other industries.

The Bureau of Labour statistics, which reported the rise, said it was the biggest monthly increase in living costs since May, 1954.

The consumer price rise brought the bureau's index to 114.7, using 1947-49 as a base of 100.

The pay rises for Ford and General Motors workers will take effect in September, due to so-called "escalator" clauses which gear their wages to increases or drops in living costs.

Meanwhile, the Commerce Department reported that major segments of the economy are defying the usual summer slack season and keeping the business boom to apply mild brakes to the boom, the department's monthly Survey of Business said consumer and investment demands "continue buoyant" due to rising incomes. It cited a high level of auto production as a major factor in the continuing upswing.

The Department said that while non-ferrous agricultural prices have continued to edge upward in wholesale markets, on-farm prices have "moved downward" and the actual net change in wholesale prices has been slight.—United Press.

Rice Producing Nations Meeting

Rome, Aug. 28.

The world's chief rice producing and consuming nations will meet somewhere in the Far East next month to study ways and means to stabilise the international rice trade, the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation said today.

The meeting, for which no exact date or site has been set yet, will consider a report on possible stabilisation measures prepared by FOA Director-General Philip V. Cardon on instruction from a special meeting on rice held in Rangoon, Burma, last November.

The stabilisation meeting is to be preceded by a conference of experts to compare the quality standards for rice adopted in different countries. The experts will also consider the possibility of working out common standards of rice grading which will be adopted internationally.—United Press.

New Type Of Synthetic Rubber

Akron, Aug. 28.

The Firestone Tyre and Rubber Company has announced that it has in "pilot plant production" a new type of synthetic rubber which promises to replace natural rubber in truck tyres.

In making the announcement, the Firestone Chairman, said that "for two years Firestone has had pilot plant in production and more than half a million tyre tests have been completed."

The Chairman explained that two and a half years ago, Firestone research scientists had determined by infra-red and x-ray analyses that this new rubber was essentially the same as natural rubber. "Further tests," he added, "showed that this new type synthetic rubber had physical properties equivalent to those of natural rubber whereas all other synthetic rubbers developed up to 1953 had been deficient in these respects."

He noted that "GR-S type synthetic rubber, although excellent for passenger cars is not completely satisfactory for use in all truck tyre sizes. Truck tyres must withstand higher temperatures because trucks run with heavy loads for long distances thereby generating intense heat in the tyres."

The Firestone announcement did not state when the company expected to put the new synthetic into commercial production.—China Mail Special.

BRAZIL'S EXCHANGE REFORM

Rio de Janeiro, Aug. 28.

The Finance Ministry announced today a plan for exchange reform will be submitted to the international Monetary Fund before the Government finally decides the form and time of its adoption.

An official note added that freeing of exchange will not come "abruptly" but will be gradual.

"The reform should not materially alter present conditions in the coffee market," the note said.

Modification of Brazil's export rates "will accompany, in all measure possible, eventual declines in foreign prices in a manner to guarantee stability of internal prices in cruzeiros, instead of producing an increase in those prices."—United Press.

U.S. RAW COTTON EXPORTS

New York, Aug. 28.

Raw cotton exports by destination as reported in bales by the New York Cotton Exchange for the 1955-56 season as to Aug. 28 were as follows:

British	6,400
Continent	34,800
Orient	31,075
Canada	3,710

—United Press.

Singapore Rubber Market

Singapore, Aug. 28.

The market opened on Saturday steady because of improved overseas advices and improved demand for nearby shipment to Poland. Enquiry for lower sheets was small. Futures:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	
Sept.	143¼-143¾
Oct.	143¼-143¾
Nov.	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	
Sept.	139¼-140¼
No. 3 rubber per lb.	
Sept.	137-138
No. 4 Rubber per lb.	
Sept.	136-137
Best rubber biscuits	142¾-143¾
Blanket crepe	137¾-138¾
No. 1 pale crepe	143¼-144¼

—United Press.

PHILIPPINE MERCHANT MARINE

Manila, Aug. 28.

The Philippine Congress has appropriated 100,000,000, pesos to be spent over five years with the object of creating an overseas merchant marine.

The first year's outlay of 20,000,000 pesos will be used for the construction or purchase of ships for resale, lease, or charter, to private individuals or companies.

Loans may be granted up to 75 per cent of the cost of newly acquired vessels. Income from this source will be tax-exempt for a period of ten years.

The funds are to be administered by the Government's National Development Company, and the benefits are limited to Filipino citizens. — China Mail Special.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to $260,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

SHARES	BUYERS	SELLERS	SALES
BANKS			
HK Bank	1735	1750	40 @ 1740
INSURANCES			
Union	1005		5 @ 1015
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf	74	76	
Dock		20.20	
Providents (O)	15.50	15.80	
Ship Dock	1.35		1532 @ 1.370
Wheelock	9.40	9½	3000 @ 9.45
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel	19.40		2000 @ 19½
HK Land	73	73½	
Humphreys		20½	
Realty	2.32½		6300 @ 2.30
RUBBER			
A. Rubber	2.10	2.15	4000 @ 2.15
Trust	3.12½		433 @ 3.125
UTILITIES			
Tram		25.10	210 @ 24.90
Ymati Ferry		120	
C. Light (O)	22.60	23	
Electric XD	40¾	41½	
Macao Elec.	11½	11.70	
Telephone	32¾	33½	2000 @ 33
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	33¼	33¾	
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	22.70	.23	300 @ 23
L. Crawford		37½	
COTTONS			
Textile Corp	5.45		
Nanyang		8.55	
MISCELLANEOUS			
Yangtsze	8		
Allied	5.80	5.90	2300 @ 5.90

The Bank Of France Statement

Paris, Aug. 28.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 18, reads as follows:

	Francs
Total gold holdings	201,281,591,420
Total other currencies	15,319,174,732
Right balance abroad in EPU	200,000,000,000
Advance to Stabilisation Fund	281,000,000,000
Total bills discounted	1,060,679,218,090
Bank notes in circulation	2,394,450,522,000
Current accounts and deposits	122,203,846,004

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.81
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.57
Australian notes (per £1)	12.06
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	10.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	23.90
Singapore (Straits)	1.80
Indo-China piastres (per 100)	6.70

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London Market Suffering Credit 'Squeeze' Pain

From Our Own Correspondent

London, Aug. 28.

Adjustment to the new credit "squeeze" conditions is proving a painful process for the London stock market. Small investors have left the running almost entirely to the professional operators and last week's big price swings were therefore out of proportion to the amount of shares actually changing hands.

The week began on a gloomy note. Industrial and oil shares showed losses of up to four shillings. The industrial index lost a further 5.5 to 192.9 — fully 31 points below the peak of 223.9 reached on July 21. From the peak of the boom to the lowest point of the slump, industrial share values fell no less than 14 per cent.

Conditions were no better in the gilt-edged market. Here too, it was a story of operators selling to reduce bank overdrafts. Prices were already sliding when it was learned that the Uganda Government was to raise a loan later in the week on terms that made comparable issues seem overpriced.

The Uganda Loan took the form of an offer of £3 million of 4¾ per cent stock, redeemable between 1968 and 1978 at a price of £97 per cent. Not since the early thirties has a colonial government offered over five per cent for money, raised in London.

Began To Rise

This, coming on the top of other considerations, led to losses of up to £1 in gilt-edged stocks on Monday and the Financial Times index of Government securities dropped one point to 89.31, its lowest since it began in 1926.

After Monday, however, prices began to rise again, slowly at first but with increasing vigour until shortly before Thursday's close.

The immediate cause of this rally was a cessation of selling. As soon as this became obvious buyers returned and prices rose smartly, helped by some "bear" covering and a certain amount of cautious investment or reinvestment by operators who believed that the slump was overdone.

Between Tuesday and Thursday the industrial share index regained most of the ground it had lost on Monday, oils moved up sharply and gilt - edged managed to make good some of their previous losses.

As is usual when the market fluctuates so widely, industrial shares which showed the biggest gains were those which had been previously most depressed. The "atomic" group came back into prominence and leaders in other sections were also well supported. English Electric were helped by a record breaking flight from London to New York and back in a day by their Canberra aircraft.

The recovery even reached to textiles which was perhaps surprising in view of the gloom which has settled over the industry following the advice given to millowners by Mr Richard Fort, secretary of the Lancashire group of MPs, that they should get out of the business if they could not make it pay.

Oils shared in a rally with British Petrol and Burmah out in front.

Gilt-Edged

Among the gilt-edged issues, War Loan 3½ per cent which had fallen to £75 17s 6d on Monday, rose in the next three days to £76 15s.

But minus signs were out again the next day as weekend profit-taking clipped some of the previous day's gains. Gilts were lower following the announcement that 70 per cent of the new Uganda Loan had been left with the underwriters. The new stock opened at a £1 discount and closed at 25s discount.

Coppers meanwhile, were continuing to advance which has taken many of the leading issues, including Rhokana, Nchanga and Tanganyika concessions, to highest-ever levels. The impetus here has been the steady rise of the commodity price which reached yet another peak on Friday.

Apart from a short period at midweek when prices showed a tendency to rise tea and rubber shares were quiet. South African gold shares were irregular.

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Parade Of Personal Hates At ALP Meeting

FROM H. KING WOOD

Sydney, Aug. 22.

The Australian Labour Party must be about the only one in the world which can put all its hatreds on display for public consumption yet continue as a magnificent political machine that is for ever a thorn in the side of its opponents.

At the special ALP conference in Sydney last weekend, to which came nearly 700 tough delegates from all parts of the nation, personal hates were openly paraded, leaders were openly insulted and unity seemed to be something that used to be, yet on Monday morning, with the smoke of the conference still heavy on the air, there was certainly not one Liberal who was game to say that Labour would not rule after the next Federal election.

It was an explosive, fierce and bitter conference with tough campaigners of the Party battling to gain control of a powerful political machine.

The leader of the powerful Ironworkers' Union contemptuously turned his back on the Leader of the Party, Dr Evatt, when that man walked to the mike.... a well respected Union leader yelled to the new Federal ALP President, Joe Chamberlain "Get back to West Australia, you mug!".... State Labour Premier Mr Cahill was booed for minutes when he rose to speak.

In many respects the conference was a flop. It began after weeks of steady sniping by both factions behind the scenes, it went its weary way amid snarls and curses, it ended with bitter public and private quarrels and the two factions still at each other's throat.

EVATT SUFFERED

It is said that if no one won a real victory, one man suffered a real loss—Dr Evatt. He failed at all points along the line, not only to gain control but to achieve even a public front of unity.

It is difficult to see how this man, whose job it is to become Labour's next Prime Minister can possibly succeed when he is not even wanted by his own members in his own State.

He has tried hard enough. He has wooed old enemies to help him fight new ones, he has lived on the telephone, he has visited industrial centres—which the former High Court judge doesn't really like—and he has made his attacks and he has pulled his stings.

He has battled on and done his best—but he hasn't made the grade. It is an old saying now around the Trades Hall that Doc Evatt will never lead Labour to victory, and if last week-end's conference is any straw in the wind, the saying to go on to become truth.

WOOL CONFERENCE

The world's first International Wool Textile Research Conference opens in Sydney on Monday and will move to Melbourne and Geelong before it concludes on September 9.

The conference is being organised by the Australian Wool Bureau and the Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO) and will be attended by 52 overseas experts from more than 20 countries.

A number of the experts have already arrived—and three of them have made our shearers hopping mad.

Out in the backblocks the shearing is in full swing, but the men have paused long enough to read with red-faced amazement a statement by the experts that they should go back to school to learn to shear properly.

Three British experts—Dr A. B. D. Cassie, Dr A. B. Wildman and Dr F. O. Howitt—said through their spokesman, Dr Cassie, that about 2 per cent of the total Australian wool clip was lost because of bad shearing.

EXPERTS' VIEW

The experts made the point that in order to clean the sheep of wool the shearers sometimes had to make two cuts. The second one yielded such short fibres that it was almost useless.

But the bosses of the Australian Workers' Union — to which all shearers must belong — say the experts are talking nonsense. They even issued an invitation to the doctors to visit the sheds and discover at first hand how silly their statement is.

Mr Joe King, NSW President of the AWU, and himself a top shearer for 20 years, said that nothing like 2 per cent of wool was wasted because of the double clip. He said that in the old days graziers did insist on the second run if the sheep weren't clean at the first clip but high wool prices had changed that.

Joe King said that these days second cuts were almost unknown. They were a dead loss to the shearer and an almost dead loss to the grazier.

QUITE A JOB

Mr King said that the British experts had perhaps lost sight of the fact that Australia's sheep population is 120 million and to put that number of sheep under the shears each year is quite a job—a job that could not be compared with shearing in UK.

Footnote about our shearers: In a 40-hour week a top man will shear 800 sheep and an average man between 450 and 500. For flock sheep they get £7.6 a hundred but far more for stud sheep. No matter how many times they go over a sheep it counts only as one.

The Australian shearing record is subject of great argument but 1,430 sheep in a week is recognised. New Zealand claims much better, but shearers say that is on hard-wool sheep, not the 10 lb. fine quality fleeces known in this country.

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Lyndon Dadswell's (one of the top men in the game) exhibition of drawings for sculpture opened in Sydney last week. The catalogue showed the prices in the usual way — 15 or 20 guineas each for most.

Except for No. 13. Its price was — "One case of Scotch whisky".

MORE PEOPLE FLYING

Passenger traffic on Australian airlines has increased by 257 per cent since 1945 and freight traffic has risen by 1,167 per cent, according to official figures released by the Department of Civil Aviation.

Nearly 2 million passengers now travel by air each year and 4,868 people are trying to get a pilot's licence.

Kingsford Smith Airport, Sydney, is still about the busiest in the world, a plane landing or taking off about every five minutes.

At the same time, the work of re-modelling the airport is about three years behind schedule — and will now cost more than £8 million before completed. Original estimate was £5 million.

The three-year lag is due to a shortage of manpower and materials and engineering problems — one of which was moving a river from its course.

Mysterious Death Of Two Sailors

London, Aug. 28.

Two Chinese sailors, members of the crew of the Dutch tanker Coryda died under mysterious circumstances at Heysham, Lancashire, today.

The sailors were rushed to hospital from the tanker, now docking here, after they had reported sick, but died on their way to hospital.

The cause of death is not known. The police have ordered a post mortem and have started their investigation by interrogating other members of the tanker's crew.—France-Presse.

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SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



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"Pick three or four little ones, Doris—your father wants the big red ones left there to look at!"

Can't Keep Track Of Her Children

"You are fortunate that we have such a benevolent Government who gives your son the best of medical care, even though you allow him to run wild in the streets," said Mr Thomas Tam at Central this morning to Leung Tai.

Complainant's seven-year-old son was knocked down by a motor scooter in King's Road last Friday. The child was taken to the Queen Mary Hospital, suffering from a broken leg.

But the mother did not go to find out where her child was until Saturday.

When Mr Tam asked Leung Tai why she did not take sufficient interest in her son, she replied that she had too many children and could not keep track of all of them.

Mr Tam then advised her not to have any more, but to control the children she already had.

Defendant, Chan Chung-hon, 18, of 2, Bazaar Road, first floor, charged with driving a motor vehicle without a valid licence, driving without third party insurance, and careless driving, pleaded guilty and was fined $350 by Mr Tam. He was additionally ordered to pay complainant $300 compensation. His learner's licence was suspended for one year, beginning from August 27.

Insp. C. D. Mayger said that on August 26, defendant was riding a scooter down King's Road, trying to overtake a taxi, when he knocked down the little boy, who rushed out into the roadway.

Fighting Mental Retardation

San Francisco, Aug. 28.

Early diagnosis and adequate treatment might cure mental retardation in infants, according to a report issued here today by a group of doctors.

The doctors from the University of California medical centre have made extensive studies with young monkeys and have applied the knowledge gained to the cure of mental retardation in infants.

Their report said that mental retardation is caused by deficient functioning of the thyroid gland. It added that adequate supplies of thyroid hormone had proved "reasonably successful" treatment.—Reuter.

Nicosia Murder

Nicosia, Aug. 28.

A second policeman was murdered today by three attackers who fired three bullets into his chest and escaped into crowds as a Communist meeting protesting the tri-partite Cyprus talks in London was breaking up.

Colonial Secretary W. Sykes appealed in a broadcast for public help to find the terrorists. He condemned Cyprus political leaders who condoned murder. It was the fourth slaying of a policeman since June 21.—United Press.

Nearly 5 Ins Of Rain

Nearly five inches of rain fell in the Colony since the start of the sudden showers yesterday afternoon.

The Royal Observatory recorded 4.99 inches up to noon today. Since 1 a.m. 3.64 inches were recorded.

The heaviest fall was 1.49 inches between 1 and 2 a.m.

CYCLES HOME FROM TRIPOLI

Andover, Hampshire, Aug. 28.

A 23-year-old sapper reported for duty at the Royal Engineers depot near here tonight—after having cycled 1,400 miles from Tripoli to do so.

He is David Kenneth Taylor, and he rode up to the camp on an old upright bike and told the surprised sentry: "I'm here at last."

Then he explained that when he had completed his overseas tour of duty he was granted 28 days to make the journey to the camp.

He was five days ahead of schedule, having cycled 1,400 miles and travelled 600 miles by boat.

After reporting, Taylor was given five days' leave and he left for his home in Doncaster—222 miles away—on the old bike that had brought him from Tripoli, of course.—China Mail Special.

Vicar's Advice To Bishops

London, Aug. 28.

Bishops should give up their gaiters, their palaces and their right to be called "My Lord," according to Canon Hedley Hodkin, Vicar of Holy Trinity, Millhouses, near Sheffield.

"Eighteenth - Century riding breeches - cum - cassocks are neither apostolic nor beautiful," he wrote in his parish magazine last week.

Last night he said that for a Bishop to be called "My Lord" put him in the class of Earls and Viscounts, and "at some distance from steelworkers and farmers."—United Press.

Trial Of 4 Men On Rape Charge Opens

The trial opened before Mr Justice A. D. Scholes and an all-male Jury at the Criminal Sessions this morning of four young Chinese charged with raping a dance hostess and forcibly detaining her with intent.

The accused are Ng Wai-lee, 20, unemployed, Ng Chun-choi, 21, unemployed, Chan Kwok-yau, 18, office-boy, and Chow Kau, 26, car cleaner.

The first count of rape alleged that first accused raped the 24-year-old hostess, Hung Mei, on June 1, while the other three were alleged to have aided and abetted in this offence.

In the second count of rape, second accused was charged with raping the hostess, and first accused was charged with aiding and abetting him.

In the third count, that of forcible detention, all the accused were alleged to have detained complainant against her will with intent to know her carnally.

All four men are defended by Mr V. L. J. D'Alton and Mr K. S. Gill, both instructed by Mr W. H. Young. Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting.

When the Jury was being empanelled, an unmarried woman was called. After she had taken her seat with the other members of the Jury, Mr Justice Scholes asked Counsel for the Prosecution and the Defence if they wished to make any application on whether or not the unmarried woman member of the Jury should be told to stand down.

Mr Rea and Mr D'Alton both said they would leave the matter entirely for the Court and would not make any application. His Lordship then ordered the woman juror to stand down.

Counsel were then asked by His Lordship if they had any objection to him asking the members of the Jury if any of them objected to serving in this particular kind of case. Both Counsel said they had no objection, whereupon Mr Justice Scholes put the question to the Jury.

WOMAN OBJECTS

A woman juror previously called stood up and expressed her wish not to serve. She was accordingly told to stand down.

The clerk of the Court went on to pick another name from inside the Jury box as a replacement. It turned out to be another unmarried woman, and she was told by the Court to stand down also.

When the seven seats had eventually been filled, Crown Counsel began his address. He said the complainant worked at the Shing Ping Ballroom. Some time after midnight on June 1, first three accused came to the ballroom. They were subsequently joined by the fourth accused.

Mr Rea said it was the Crown's case that by false pretences—by telling an untrue story to Hung Mei — the four accused induced her to leave the ballroom to visit a friend of hers, Wong Yuk-sang.

Having left the ballroom, they kept up their pretence and subsequently took compainnant against her will to the Shan Kwong Hotel, where the rape offences were allegedly committed.

COMBINED ELEMENTS

Dealing with the definition of rape, Mr Rea said rape was carnal knowledge by force, fear or fraud. In this case, he said, the Jury might find that the principal element was fear, although there was a combination of all three elements.

He said complainant would give evidence that she lived in the living quarters of the Shing Ping Ballroom. She was a married woman and had a child aged two. Her husband was engaged in construction work in the New Territories and she had to work herself to supplement his earnings.

Complainant would say that she was sitting in the dance hall in the normal way on the night of June 1, when the floor manager took her to another table where the accused persons sat.

She was introduced to them. She did not know first and second accused, but she had known the third. At the outset the attitude adopted by first accused was a boastful one. He gave the impression that he was a well-known person.

First accused, Crown Counsel said, told complainant that he had come to the ballroom specifically to see Hung Mei regarding a friend of hers called Wong Yuk-sang. He said Wong was suffering from TB and was leaving the Colony the following morning for Borneo.

The hostess was further told she should sway Wong from going to Borneo and persuaded complainant to visit Wong.

Mr Rea told the Jury they would learn from the evidence that this story was completely false—there was no TB and no question of anyone going to Borneo.

First accused, he continued, said he would guarantee to take complainant to Wong. After the group had gone for some distance, they stopped at at cooked-food store in Happy Valley. First accused said he wanted to eat and asked complainant if she also wanted to eat. She told him she did not.

After staying at the restaurant for a while, complainant started to leave. She was chased and caught by first accused, who told her they were not very far from Wong Yuk-sang's place. When eventually they reached Wong's house, first accused shouted from outside: "Miserable creature, Sung Siu-ling has arrived."

Wong came out of the house and saw Hung Mei instead of the name called out by first accused. In the course of conversation, Wong denied he was going to Borneo. He said he had joined the Army and was serving at Lyemun Barracks.

They were joined shortly after by third and fourth accused who had been left behind. All the accused treated Wong Yuk-sang in a mocking fashion. Wong would give evidence that he was frightened of them, particularly of first and second accused.

It was mentioned by first accused that Wong "made his living by the pen, while we make our living by fighting". Hung Mei told first accused she wanted to go home, but first accused stopped her from going—another instance of forcible detention, Crown Counsel said.

It was between 2.30 and 3 a.m. by this time. First accused dragged the hostess for a short distance after she tried to break away from him. One of the accused told Wong: "You are like a piece of wood." Wong replied: "Yes, I am like a piece of wood. I don't know anything."

When eventually the group neared the Shan Kwong Hotel, first accused said he had booked a room in the hotel. Hung Mei said she did not want to go there, but she was taken by the arm and brought into the building. Wong was asked to go in also.

ALLEGED THREAT

When the group were inside a room, first accused told Wong: "Miserable creature. Either you die or she dies." Wong started to leave the room, apparently frightened. He told Hung as he was leaving that the affair had nothing to do with him.

It was in that room the alleged raping took place. The hostess was allowed to leave the hotel about 4.30 p.m. the following afternoon.

Mr Rea told the Jury that a witness, Leung Yee-man, also worked at the ballroom, would say that complainant rang her up that afternoon. The evidence would be that first accused grabbed the telephone receiver from complainant and spoke to Leung, saying he had "now kept Hung Mei and would have her bones removed and her skin pierced."

Before she was allowed to leave the hotel at 4.30 p.m., first accused told her not to tell anyone what had happened. He said he was not afraid of the Police and that a lot of people, even Police inspectors, did not dare to touch him.

He told complainant further that if she talked to anybody about the affair, it would not be necessary for him to beat her up himself. He would only have to utter a sound and people would beat her up for him. He added that in future, if he was busy, he would send a "follower" for her.

Crown Counsel said complainant reached the ballroom about 5 p.m. At supper she related to the others all that had taken place early that morning. The Police were later notified.

Hearing is proceeding.

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6, Time Signal and programme summary; 6.03, Children's Half Hour presented by Elizabeth (Studio); 6.30, Australian Magazine; 6.45, Accent on Rhythm; 7.15, "Box 200" Bert Gillett at the organ (OH); 7.30, Announcer's Choice presented by Cynthia Nixon (Studio); 7.59, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.09, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcements; 8.15, Favourite Overtures; 8.30, BBC Show Band. Directed by Cyril Stapleton. Produced by Johnnie Stewart (BBCTS); 9, Time Signal. Concerto. Concerto for Violin and Orchestra (William Walton)—Jascha Haifetz (violin) and the Cincinnati Sym. Orch. cond. by Eugene Goossens; 9.50, Asian Club. "Shakespeare" Speaker: Ivor Brown (Recorded London Relay); 10, "International Cabaret" presented by Denise Brabent (Studio); 10.30, Take it from Here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallas Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield. Repeat of last Friday's Broadcast (BBCTS); 10.59, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal. Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.09, Goodnight Music. God Save The Queen; 11.30, Close down.

REDIFFUSION

5 p.m. Children's Corner—conducted by Auntie Val; 6.30, Monday requests—presented by Betty; 8.25, Birthday mailbag; 6.30, La Musique Francaise—presented by Jeannette Piry; 7, Personality parade—Yma Sumac; 7.15, Piano echoes—played by George Feyer; 7.30, Music by Roth—featuring the Allen Roth Orchestra and chorus; 8, Time signal and the news (London relay); 8.09, Weather report, announcements and interlude; 8.15, Polka parade; 8.30, Crime does not pay—starring Betty Furness; 9, Evening concert—symphony No. 1 in C—Beethoven; 10, Break house; 10.15, Magic and moonlight—Hawaiian melodies; 10.30, Take it from here. Dick Bentley and Jimmy Edwards with Wallas Eaton, Alma Cogan, June Whitfield. Repeat of last Friday's broadcast (BBCTS); 11, Date with dreamland; 11.30, Prelude to midnight—popular concert melodies; 12, God Save The Queen. Close down.

Killer Is Identified

It was officially reported this morning that as a direct result of the publication in the Colony's newspapers of photographs of General Yu Ching-man's assailant, the man has been identified as Cheung Kwai, alias "Tau Pei" ("Pock Mark"), who lived in the Un Long area, New Territories, for the past year.

Cheung Kwai was one of three armed robbers who held up General Yu Ching-man outside his home in Ping Shan last Saturday and who, in an ensuing gun battle with the police, shot and killed the General.

Police are continuing their enquiries into the gun battle and members of the public who may have any information are requested to contact the Director of Criminal Investigation, or any police officer or police station.

DREAMER'S DREAM

A 38-year-old self-styled dreamer, Chan Cheong-lok, of 215 Jaffe Road, who told a tram conductor that he did not have to pay any fares because the Governor of Hongkong had told him he need not, was cautioned and bound over in $25 for one year by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Looking taller than any of the police constables in the dock, Chan told the Court that he had said this because he was dreaming at the time.

Questioned as to how long he had been in Hongkong, defendant told His Worship that he had been here for over ten years.

"What do you do for a living?" asked Mr Lo.

"I wander around," answered defendant.

"Where do you eat?"

"Friends feed me."

"Are you healthy?"

"I do not feel well in the head."

Defendant told the Court that he did not have any money, so Mr Lo gave him $5 with a warning.

"Be careful. Don't use other people's names next time," said Mr Lo.

Discrepancy In Evidence

Owing to a discrepancy in the evidence given by the prosecution, a chauffeur, Lee Yuen-sang, of 2 Canal Road, was acquitted on a charge of driving without due care and consideration, by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at Central this morning.

Accused was alleged to have driven an Austin car on May 14 at the junction of Jubilee Street and Des Voeux Road at a speed too high for public safety.

Probationary - Inspector R. B. Bayless told the court that he saw the defendant turning from Jubilee Street into Des Voeux Road at a high speed despite the fact a tram was coming towards him from the East. The result was the tram had to brake violently in order to avoid a head-on collision with the car. After the incident, accused gave a casual glance at the tram and drove on as if nothing had happened.

The second witness, a police constable, also testified, but said he was definitely sure that there was no tram involved in the incident.

His Worship told the defendant that he should consider himself to be very lucky in that there was this unsatisfactory feature in the evidence. Nevertheless, he was warned not to do anything foolhardy in the future.

Strong Quake Recorded

California, Aug. 28.

A strong earthquake 2,200 miles away in an undetermined direction was registered at 2019.58 GMT today by seismographs at the California Institute of Technology.

Dr Charles Richter said the quake was 6.5 magnitude or "strong enough to cause considerable damage in a settled area."

The disturbance was also recorded at the Boston College Seismological Station at Weston, Massachusetts.

Rev. Francis D. Donohue, Assistant Director of the Observatory, said the quake was located approximately 2,275 miles southwest of Boston, probably in Nicaragua or San Salvador."

The Rev Donohue termed the quake "very strong" and agreed with California technicians "if it happened on land in a settled area, it would cause considerable damage."—United Press.

Guests Act As Strike-breakers

Singapore, Aug. 28.

Airline hostesses, guests and volunteer workers today helped managers of five strike-bound hotels keep them operating.

More than 1,000 servants, cooks and waiters at the Raffles, Adelphia, Seaview, Hotel Europe and Gleneagles have been on strike since Friday.—United Press.

Parked Car In Wrong Place

H. Ballerand, residing at 22 Macdonnell Road, was cautioned by Mr W. N. Thomas Tam at Central this morning when he was found guilty of leaving his car unattended in Broadwood Road.

Defendant was alleged to have parked his car on the pavement of Broadwood Road at a time when the traffic was exceptionally heavy.

Accused said he went to visit a friend in Wongneichong Road on February 2. A football match was in progress at the Hongkong Football Club, and he had to park his car elsewhere. On finding a vacant space in Broadwood Road, and seeing no traffic signs to signify 'No Parking', he left his car there.

He said he was a newcomer to the Colony, and was not yet very sure of the traffic regulations.

Accused was asked to be more careful in the future.

Drunken Woman

Pleading guilty to being drunk and behaving in a disorderly manner, a woman, Lee Yuk-Ching, 28, was fined $10 by Mr D. Cons at Kowloon this morning.

Police said that the defendant became "violent and disorderly" after consuming two bottles of beer and two bottles of Chinese wine in a restaurant in Saigon Street, Kowloon, on Saturday night.

Prison For Beggar

A 46-year-old beggar, Chiu Lin-tai, was sentenced to 14 days' imprisonment by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

Chiu, who had 713 previous convictions for begging since 1937, was caught begging for alms outside Queen's Theatre on Sunday.